

Chinatown as The Ecological Heritage Area in Surabaya

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ABSTRACT

Surabaya is currently in the process to become an ecological city to improve the sustainability and quality of living of its citizens. In the ecological city development guides issued by the Ministry of Environment (2008), there are some aspects that need to be addressed. One of them is the historical area that must be considered its sustainability. This seems contrary to the current condition of Surabaya, which still have some neglected historical area, one of them is the Chinatown. The old Chinatown no longer have settlers inside, and now become an area for warehouse activities. This condition opposed to Surabaya's dream as an ecological city. This study therefore aimed to develop the right concept for the conservation of Chinatown, with the ecological and sustainable development approaches. To achieve the objective, there are two steps that need to be conducted. First is determining which corridor of Chinatown that will be studied and become the pilot project area for future studies, followed by determining the buildings that potentially conserved. The second stage is formulating the concept of conservation based of the Burra Charter 1999.

There are two important factors to formulating the concept of conservation, the internal (history, buildings, economy, culture) and external factor. The internal factors become the base of the whole conservation concept, while the external factor is the activities or The Municipality's programs which held around the Chinatown and support the activities inside the Chinatown. However, the conservation activities should also be seen from the the ecological perspective. Ecological concepts applied in area and building scale. For examples, by using local building materials, processing waste and providing open spaces. Thus, the concept of conservation of Chinatown in this study is to put forward the importance of the internal and external factor, with ecological development approaches.

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