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Markets have been involved in the daily life of Thai people in every era. In the past, markets were community centers. People came to markets not only to buy food and other goods but also to meet friends, share news and engage in other social activities. As a result, old markets are good places for understanding the traditional life of local communities. Each old market has its own unique identity and charming characteristics, which inspired the author to study ways of conserving them.

This thesis does not aim to provide suggestions to government authorities to make changes to laws or regulations to improve conservation because it might not be possible to do that. So approach of this thesis is to explore techniques for designing effective guidance for conservation of old markets, to ensure the continuation of their importance to communities and their 'revitalization'. So the guidance will be designed and developed under existing laws and regulations.

It is to be hoped that this study will be useful for those who are looking for guidance in conserving old markets. It may also apply to other communities who want to conserve historic places and pass their community's identity on to future generations.

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