

Thesis Title	The conservation of Historic Community Following The Management Guidelines for Historic Towns in Asia : Case Study of Samchuk Community, Samchuk District, Supanburi Province
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ABSTRACT

The prosperous historic community tends to be affected by urbanization. Unplanned development or development without good management could create negative effect from the increasing population and social change. In addition, lack of basic infrastructure for increased population could also lead to the deterioration of the historic community. Eventually, the historic community would be neglected by out-migration of local residents that make the economic situation even worse. A number of historic communities in Asia are facing this threat and Samchuk old market has no exception. To cope with this issue, collaboration among stake holders in the sites is needed. The historic city management approach applied in this case study would be the key towards the sustainable development of Samchuk old market.

There are four objectives of this study, which are; 1) to investigate the policy and plans of local bodies regarding the heritage conservation, 2) to comparative analyze the community management with the historic city management approach according to the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of the Cultural Property (ICCROM), 3) to investigate the limitation and opportunity of heritage conservation according to the notion of the management of Asian historic city, and 4) find out the relationship and role of the local bodies and local residents on the management of historic city and propose the recommendation for Samchuk old market and for other similar cases as well.

This study uses both primary, such as field work data, and secondary data, such as general information of the case, policy, and plans. The questionnaire is divided into three groups,

which are; 1) census for residents inside the old market, quota sampling for residents who live around the old market, and 3) interview for local authorities.

The finding of the study shows that Samchuk old market has opportunity for development according to the notion of the management of Asian historic city. Namely, 1) opportunity to be conserved and managed as a historic city, 2) opportunity to maintain the attractive characteristic or value of the city, 3) opportunity to have mechanism on decision making process since there is high level of public participation and high cultural value which could contribute to the economic development, and 4) opportunity to have vision on development based on cultural heritage resource.

As for the limitation of the historic city management, there are four significant findings. First is the lack of the recognition of local craftsmanship and lack of maintenance plan for physical condition that now is in the hand of local residents. Second is the question on the level of authenticity of the place. This would be the reflection of the lack of policy on heritage conservation from governmental bodies. Third is the limitation on mechanism for city development. So far, most of local residents did not take part in the important decision making and there is a little of policy towards economically self-dependence of local residents. And the last, the vision on heritage is not clear and not yet integrated in the development plan.

Moreover, it is found out that the collaboration among every stakeholder would be the key. The heritage management of Samchuk old market should be based on the awareness of the historical value of the place. The public participation should be continuously promoted and the conservation policy and plan should be clarified.