

Review of: "Ancient Houses in Ben Tre City: A Multifaceted Approach to Preserve Artistic Architectural Heritage and Boost Local Tourism"

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Comments:

Content:

- The paper does a good job in detailing the historical and cultural significance of the ancient houses. This context is essential for understanding the value of these structures beyond their physical attributes.
- It would be beneficial to include more detailed technical discussions on the mentioned preservation methods, especially how they align with modern structural engineering practices while maintaining the integrity of the original designs. Additional references would be useful here.
- A deeper analysis of the social impact, including community involvement in preservation efforts, would add value. Can you explain more what you mean here: "Recently, according to public opinion from a reliable source, the French Public Works Building will be demolished to implement the project to expand and upgrade Tran Van On Park." Is this from a survey? From an interview? Do you know why this is the public opinion? That would be important if we are looking at this through a social lens (such as tourism). Additional references would be useful here.
- Are the keywords a mistake? These are the keywords declared in the abstract: Soil Stabilization, Cement-Stabilized Base (CSB), Load-Bearing Capacity, Sustainable Construction, but they appear to be from a different paper perhaps? They do not fit the material here well.

Structural:

- I am a bit confused about the general layout of the paper, so that could use some work. For instance, in the introduction, the authors bounce back and forth between paragraph format and bulleted format.
- Some of the sentences are redundant or have low information density. I encourage the authors to have a third party read the document to see if there are places that could be trimmed down to give more room for some of the sections I mentioned above that are lacking.
- There seem to be some issues with sentence structure and formatting
 - ... are frequently left in the manuscript examples:
 - "creating the current appearance of the Ben Tre urban area after completing large buildings such as Tham Bien

Palace (now Ben Tre Museum)..."

- "the Group wants to have a new building to operate more effectively on the land under its ownership instead of leaving the old house in its current state..."
- there are some issues with superscript: "The house has a construction area of about 300 m² with 1 ground floor, 1 floor, and a yard of nearly 80 m²; in front of the main door facing Chung Thuy Lake."