

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

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The paper titled "Old Houses in Ben Tre City - Historical Value and Tourism Potential" provides a comprehensive exploration of the historical, cultural, and technological significance of ancient houses in Ben Tre City. The paper begins by contextualizing the concept of urban heritage, emphasizing its evolving definition that extends beyond individual projects to encompass broader urban elements and cultural preservation.

One strength of the paper lies in its detailed examination of 10 ancient houses in Ben Tre City, tracing their origins back to the French period over a century ago. The incorporation of mosaic art in the architectural features adds a unique and artistic dimension to these historical structures. The inclusion of specific details such as the use of high-quality materials and modern technology to produce durable and visually appealing mosaic art enhances the reader's understanding.

The identification of various values associated with the ancient houses, such as historical, cultural, scientific, architectural, educational, economic, and spiritual values, contributes to a holistic appreciation of their significance. The linkage of these values to famous individuals and historical events further strengthens the argument for the preservation and promotion of these heritage sites.

The paper effectively highlights the role of ancient houses in connecting future generations with their roots, as evidenced by the descendants of notable figures like Colonel Pham Ngoc Thao and Apostolic Bishop Nguyen Ngoc Tuong actively seeking their ancestral ties through these houses.

Moreover, the recognition of the technological value of these ancient houses as a resource for researchers, both nationally and internationally, demonstrates their importance in scientific and social science research. The mention of their contribution to fields such as architecture, material structure, construction, feng shui, and design adds depth to their relevance in academia.

The conclusion of the paper summarizes the outreach efforts of the author group, presenting the paper at two significant scientific conferences and showcasing the potential for widespread acknowledgment and engagement with the research findings.

In summary, the paper effectively communicates the multifaceted value of ancient houses in Ben Tre City, making a compelling case for their preservation and promotion for historical and tourism purposes.

