

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

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This is a fine compilation by three authors looking at the heritage value of existing architecture. The emphasis is on a holistic approach to tourism planning, one that incorporates an appreciation of both colonial period and Indigenous buildings. It is heartening to see conservation at the core of planning efforts. The authors make an excellent case for integrating conservation into a broader effort to underwrite the nascent tourism industry. Of special value are the selective examples of existing buildings, which provide a history of Vietnamese architecture of several eras.