



SAVING HISTORICAL BUILDINGS: SHS members and volunteers do their part in cultural heritage conservation.
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Public invited to visit exhibition on proposed Gambier Street conservation

KUCHING: The public will, for the first time, have access to a proposal to conserve old markets and historical buildings along Gambier Street.

They are invited to view an exhibition to be held at Permata Car Park, Jalan Bukit Mata Kuching from March 26 to 29 on the conservation proposed by Sarawak Heritage Society (SHS) in conjunction with the coming Building Trade Show (BTS 2009).

After hawkers at the

Gambier Street market were moved out in June last year, SHS was concerned about the future of the site comprising vacated historical buildings namely the vegetable market, fish market, poultry market, old government store (first museum storage and exhibition galleries), Banka Building and the concrete retaining wall in front of the old market built by the Second Rajah, Charles Brooke.

SHS president Mike Boon

said in recent months, members and volunteers had carried out independent assessments on the conditions of these structures as well as researched the history of the site.

All data collected including SHS' recommendations and proposal to conserve the site, including the benefits of conservation for adaptive reuse, were compiled and submitted to the relevant government departments, he said.