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Uncovering the story of the mythical
**Red Bridge at
Kampung Seropak**

**AT TELANG USAN HOTEL
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The history of Sarawak is fascinating and unique. The more than 100 years of rule by the White Rajahs have provided Sarawak with a history like nowhere else. Around the state there are several heritage sites that provide the people, local or foreign, with memories and knowledge on this unique past. Protecting these heritage sites is a great importance to commemorate the history and past. Without knowing where we come from, our understanding of the present and the future will diminish.

There is such a spectacular heritage site - the steel suspension bridge at Kpg Seropak in the Bau District in the westernmost corner of Sarawak. Although known and used by the villagers, it was only in 2005 that the existence of this remote bridge became commonly known. Before this time there were rumours of a red bridge in the area, but they were more considered fiction than fact.

This story is about the finding of the bridge and uncovering its history. A 20-year journey that today enables us to tell the history of a 120 year old beauty.

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Mr. Ib Larsen published his research about Sarawak history in the Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, Malaysian Heritage Society's Buletin Warisan and Atelier Society's Atelier news. He has also given talks on the relation between the Hakka mining kongsi's in Kalimantan and in Sarawak for the Indonesian Heritage Society. Mr. Larsen has worked in Malaysia for 13 years, 7 years in Sarawak between 1999 to 2006.



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