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PREFACE

During the British ruling in Malaysia, Taiping Lake Garden was established as the first public garden in 1880, which originally was a mining ground. The garden area is 64 hectares and is located near Bukit Larut. The brainchild of Colonel Robert Sandilands, Frowd Walker, gave the idea, and Charles Compton Reade developed it (1880 -1933). The gardens were fenced-in for bull protection and filled with grasses, flowers, and trees in 1884. Charles Compton Reade and Lady Swenttenham were also responsible for planning the Kuala Lumpur garden town.

There are ten scenic lakes and ponds, which bring significant value to the garden. The number of urban heritage trees in Taiping Lake Garden was 130. Ten species of trees were found, which are *Samanea saman* (95 nos), *Bertholletia excelsa* (1 nos), *Vitex pinnata* (3 nos), *Adenantha pavonina* (19 nos), *Artocarpus elasticus* (1 nos), *Pterocarpus indicus* (1 nos), *Peltophorum pterocarpum* (3 nos), *Albizia falcata* (2 nos), *Mesua ferrea* (4 nos), *Ficus benjamina* (1 nos). The issue of urban heritage trees in Taiping Lake Garden is that the old age of the trees (130 years and above) and the tree structures need to be conserved because a few of the heritage trees are in poor condition and to prevent risk to users. Meanwhile, the challenge of urban heritage trees in this site is conserving them with the correct maintenance techniques to assess the tree hazard rating, defects and disorders. Moreover, public awareness of protecting urban heritage trees needs to be increased through education and promotion programs to make the public understand and appreciate the importance of urban heritage trees.

This book documents the characteristics of the heritage trees of Taiping Lake Garden through illustrations and descriptions of their significance. The trees are described and examined based on four criteria, which are physical structure, economical value, cultural and historical value, and scientific value. It is hoped that the heritage trees collected in this book can enlighten readers to get to know the trees better and learn to appreciate their values as cultural and natural heritage of Taiping.

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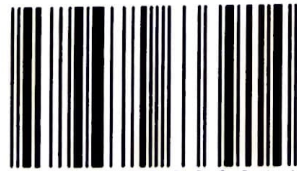




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