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Hancur badan dikandung tanah,
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PREFACE

This book attempts to explore the unique identity of Istana Kuala Cegar in the auspicious rural compound of the Istana Anak Bukit (Anak Bukit Palace). The book reveals historical developments beginning with earlier palaces in Kedah dating from the early 12th century. It illustrates the emergence of different palaces and their influences in Kedah, which in turn contributed to the materialization of Istana Kuala Cegar.

Istana Kuala Cegar is a unique Art Deco style building that clearly depicts Western influences as assimilated along with cultural traits by the Royals of Kedah. This book focuses on the development of palace architecture in Malaysia in an attempt to set a complete overview for Malay palace architecture and consequently centres on Istana Kuala Cegar in its immediate context. The architectural development and attributes of the palace are the main objects of discourse with a view for the context, space planning, construction techniques and other detail of interest.