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The formation of historic urbanscapes in littoral Southeast Asia, including the Malay world, is consistently embodied by the triadic influence of geographical, topographical, and sociocultural elements arising from affecting landform elements of rivers, hills, mounds, and mountains. Jugra is a center that arose due to the associated sociopolitical and economic changes in Selangor, along geo-topographical landmarks such as rivers, estuaries, and coastlines that had attracted settlements in the area. These benign geographical and topographical conditions of the sites generally act as a seed to the beginnings of these maritime cities, combining their axial forces to the embryonic seeding of rivers and seashores into fertile physical conditions that evolved into cities. It is within such urban sites, which evolved with the multicultural dynamics and diasporic settlements due to maritime trade, that a multicultural society is reflected in the public architecture of the site. © 2026 Shireen Jahn Kassim and Illyani Ibrahim.

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