ABSTRACT

Hanoi, a political, economic, and cultural center of Vietnam, will celebrate its 1,000th birthday in 2010. The 36-old-streets Quarter of Hanoi has been engraved in the minds and heart of Hanoians and those with their deep nostalgia. However, after years of negligence, the elegance and historical and cultural values of the Old Quarter are under alarming threat of undesirable effects of development and the quarter now is on the verge of destruction.

Although the government and local authorities have employed quite a few measures to address the problems and to conserve the area, it is likely that the situation has not much been improved. This thesis tries to analyze the socio-economic impacts of conservation on the lifestyle and business activities of the residents, the existing legal framework and planning policy regarding conservation by conducting a survey. It is hoped that appropriate recommendations shall be made to improve the present situation.

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