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The Cover

The cover of each issue of the *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society* highlights a building or location that is a significant part of the national heritage of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.

The cover of the current issue features the historic Kampung Laut Mosque, a priceless heritage building constructed by Muslim missionaries on the bank of the Kelantan River during the 18th century. Made entirely of Chengal wood, it was built without the use of nails. In the 20th century, after years of flooding, including major inundations in 1926 and 1966, the building was relocated to Nilam Puri, Kota Bharu, around 20 kilometres away.

In September 2020 the mosque was returned to its original site in Kampung Laut, Tumpat, Kelantan, a process that required disassembling and then rebuilding the entire structure. This work was carried out with great care, following guidance from the National Heritage Department (Jabatan Warisan Negara) and monitored by a certified conservator.

Restoring the mosque to its original location was part of a plan to develop Kampung Laut as a Heritage Kampung. Its location near two commercial complexes, Laman Warisan Seni and Laman Warisan Serunding, is convenient for tourists as well as researchers and students attracted by the mosque's unique architecture and fine woodcarving.

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