



**IWAH 2018: International  
Workshop on Asian Heritage 2018  
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“Conservative Awareness of  
Traditional Commercial  
District; Proposal on Lom  
Kao, Petchaboon, Thailand”**

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### **The Purpose of Workshop**

IWAH 2018 aims to create the collaboration among the participants from Asia to have the opportunities to experience and exchange the knowledge of urban conservation. The mission is to seed the conservative awareness and allow the participants experience the traditional commercials district on *Lom Kao, Petchaboon*, Thailand. This experience will investigate and contribute to the local wisdom of *Lom Kao* that local people would relate and integrate to conserve the valuable vernacular, which represents *E-san* architectural style as historic commercials district.

### **Content of the Workshop**

*Lom Kao* is located in *Petchaboon* province, Northeastern of Thailand. From history of settlement, *Lom Kao* has been the central commercial district of Northeastern region since 1917. After World War II, *Lom Kao* has been developed fast as a node of commercials to drive the region ‘s economy. The rapid urban change and development were the main impact that affected strongly the community. Nowadays, *Lom Kao* does not take the main role as its history, however; the traditional architecture, which was built over 100 years, is one of the most valuable architecture. Importantly, it is evidence of transmission and reflects the local wisdom of *Lom Kao*. The characteristic architecture was built by two-storey wooden structure with Thai traditional A-shape roof. As its characteristic, the first



floor function was the shop and adapted as private space for users on the second floor linked with outdoor by adding the balcony. It represents northeastern architectural style as commercials building/district and reflects traditional lifestyle.

Figure.1: Commercial district (the past, left and the present, right) at Lom Kao, Petchaboon, Thailand