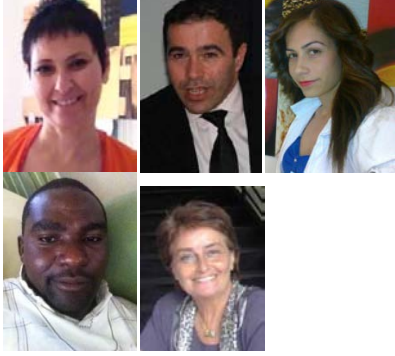


Repairing and Maintaining Damaged Buildings in Louroujina Village/Cyprus: A Case Study for Old Khan



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ABSTRACT

With its magnificent legacy of traditional architecture, Louroujina is a significant Turkish village, which needs to have the attention for renovation and rehabilitation of its physical and intangible heritage. Since most of the villagers had to leave their homes after 1974 war, the buildings are regrettably abandoned and about to collapse. Generally, this research investigates the methods used to prepare and complete the documentation and rehabilitation of the traditional buildings in Louroujina village and focuses specifically on the revitalization of the Old Khan in the village centre. The Old Khan building was constructed with traditional materials such as cut stone, adobe blocks and partly reeds. The construction techniques are conventional as well. More specifically the research aims to:

- expose the main approach for documenting the architectural and intangible heritage of the village
- reveal the existing condition of the Old Khan building and its environment.
- focus on the process of returning the buildings to its original state of utility by means of repair or alteration.
- develop suitable reconstruction techniques for repairing and maintaining the old buildings.
- acquire restoration project for revitalizing the Old Khan building.

Though it requires a large field survey considering the whole village, the research design of this study is basically a case study. In the past, Old Khan was used as a stopover place for the travellers and their horses travelling from Larnaca to Nicosia or Nicosia to Larnaca. Now, it is indispensable to organize and structure this place according to the present needs of people in the region. The place is appropriate for social use and gatherings. So, the research is concluded with a proposal of revitalization project, which will be in line with the main approach for rehabilitation of the traditional buildings in Louroujina.

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