

Astana al-Nursari: The Comparison with Type of Banjar Traditional Architecture

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Abstract. The formulation and its examination of Banjar traditional architecture was based on sample of house that belonging to Banjar merchant, whereas part of its type are the building in Banjar Kingdom Palace. Astana Al-Nurasri in Kotawaringin in Central Kalimantan has strong relation to the Bajarese Kingdom Palace and its culture and it's never been used to formulate Banjar traditional architecture. Because of that, the main objectives of the research are: to compare Astana Al-Nursari with type of Banjar traditional architecture by some of variable, and to enrich formulation of typology and morphology of Banjar traditional architecture. There are a little compatibility if the analysis is based on physical variables, such as: plan form, building form, proportion and ornament. But the philosophy and design concept have compatibility. First, the room and its order. Second, philosophy of dimension and high proportion that cover the room inside. Third, the number of windows equal to each room. Fourth, each of mass in Astana Al-Nursari has form combination that reflect what kind of room inside.

Keywords: Astana Al-Nursari, Banjar traditional architecture, typology, comparison.

1 Introduction

The type of Banjar traditional architecture has been formulated by Saleh (1983) and Seman (1982), which has a little differences. The formulation has been developed by Prodi Arsitektur ULM since 2004, that scrutinize the scientific foundation. At least 7 research have been done. The research by Prodi Arsitektur ULM have 2 main objectives, i.e.: 1). To conserve and preserve the last Banjar traditional houses by comprehensive graphic data and photo, 2). To develop and strengthen typology and morphology of Banjar traditional architecture.

Typology of Banjar traditional architecture that has been developed since 1982 to 2009 used sample from houses that built by the Banjar merchant. None of the sample is from the building in Banjar Kingdom Palace. The buildings in Banjar Kingdom Palace has been destroyed by Dutch in 18th century.

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“Astana Al-Nursari” that was built between 1817 to 1855, is located in Kotawaringin Lama Province of Central Kalimantan (+/- 700 Km west of Banjarmasin), has similar form with Bubungan Tinggi (it is one of the type of Banjar traditional architecture).

This building is one of the buildings in Kotawaringin Kingdom Palace area. Kotawaringin Kingdom was established in 1637 by the first king Pangeran Dipati Anta Kusuma which is the son of Marhum Panembahan or Sultan Mustainbullah, the 4th Banjar king. The language and building culture that developed in Kotawaringin is originated from Banjar Kingdom (Pemkab Kotawaringin Barat:2001).

Astana Al-Nursari has strong relation to the culture and history of Banjar Kingdom architecture. Because of that, the building is precious sample to enrich research of typology and morphology of Banjar traditional architecture.

The main objectives of the research are:

- a. To get the comprehensif graphic data and photo of cultural conservation building of Astana Al-Nursari.
- b. To compare Astana Al-Nursari with type of Banjar traditional architecture by some of variable.

2 Methodology

The work plan and methods used for this research proposal are as follows:

- a. The research is preceded by the preparatory phase, which contains: the creation of a complete work plan and literature review.
- b. Comprehensive and detailed measurements and photoshoots of Astana Al-Nursari.
 - Measurements are done by meter.
 - Shoot / video with digital cameras and drones.
 - Documented sections are: entire building, up to structure and construction.
- c. Collection of research materials ever done (measurement results, pictures, photos and writing).
 - Measurement results, in the form of: site situation, floor plans, looks, pieces, and building details.
 - Photos and writings, are needed to complement the deficiencies not found in the measurement results. Generally associated with detail ornaments and photos / posts about the details of certain parts of the building.
- d. Interview with related parties, especially regarding the original form of the building of the fort.

Interview method is a guided interview, where the required data framework is included and scrutinized by direct interview.

Interviewees were:

- People and local community.
 - Parties who have conducted research on the building.
- e. The depiction of the results of measurement of research objects into 2D AutoCad and 3D SketchUp form. This description is based on:
 - Results of measurement and shooting / video in the field completely.
 - Results of research ever undertaken.
 - f. Analysis by comparing the object of study with traditional Banjar architectural typology, with several variables: the floor plan, the shape of the roof, the proportion of the floor plan, the visible proportions, the number and position of the doors and windows, the number of columns, and ornaments.

- g. Analysis of the concept and philosophy of Astana Al-Nursari building with the concept and philosophy of building on traditional architecture typology of Banjar.

3 Banjar Traditional Architecture

The traditional architecture in South Kalimantan Province is very diverse, which can be distinguished by the tribal groups that built it.

Banjar traditional architecture is established by Suku Banjar, that is developed in the interval of time. The range of this interval can not be determined, especially the beginning period.

Banjar traditional architecture is the cultural product of Suku Banjar that is probably has form evolution until the form that eksist nowadays. That is strong indication that the elements of Banjar traditional architecture was performed by some of cultural ethnics that built the whole Banjar cultural.

Some of Banjar traditional architecture (houses and mosques) are still eksist, spread in several location in South Kalimantan. The locations generally are the central activity of ancient settlement. Since 1945 to 1960 until nowadays Banjar traditional architecture is not used anymore as the concept in building houses and mosques (Huzairin:2005).

The references used regarding to Banjar traditional architecture until 2005 are the type established by M. Idwar Saleh and Syamsiar Seman. The formulated typology by 2 writer is tend to focus to form aspect (plan form, building shape, and the detail elements)

The typology established by M. Idwar Saleh (1983) and Syamsiar Seman (1982) divide Banjar traditional architecture to 13 types, i.e.:

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| 1. Rumah Bubungan Tinggi. | 8. Rumah Tadah Alas. |
| 2. Rumah Gajah Baliku. | 9. Rumah Cacak Burung atau Anjung Surung. |
| 3. Rumah Gajah Manyusu. | 10. Rumah Joglo. |
| 4. Rumah Palimasan. | 11. Rumah Bangun Gudang. |
| 5. Rumah Palimbangan. | 12. Rumah Cara Obos. |
| 6. Rumah Balai Bini. | 13. Rumah Lanting. |
| 7. Rumah Balai Laki. | |

4 Further Study of Banjar Traditional Architecture

In order to explore the background as well as testing the typology that Saleh (1983) and Seman (1982) have produced, it began in 2002 the author conducted a series of related studies.

In 2004, a comprehensive inventory of traditional houses located in the Jingah River area, which is home to the traditional houses still remaining in Banjarmasin, has received 12 samples of traditional houses inventoried (Huzairin: 2004).

In 2006 re-conducted research that aims to get the typology and morphology of Banjar traditional house based on the population found in North Banjarmasin. North Banjarmasin was chosen because in this kecamatan centered relics of traditional houses of Banjar, beside this area is center of old kingdom of Banjar. Based on field identification in the study area there are 45 sample populations that meet the criteria. Due to the limited time and cost, then selected a sample of 28 houses. However, the remaining 17 partially selected houses are already represented in the 28 samples, and others are severely damaged (Huzairin: 2006).

Variables used for the formulation of typology are 9 variables, namely: the shape of the plan & space, the shape of the terrace, the form of stairs, the shape of the roof, the proportion of the floor plan, the proportion of looks, the number of doors and windows, the

number of rows of columns, and ornaments. If all the variables are linked to each other, then there will be a combined typology of 27 types or almost equal to the number of samples (28 samples). Therefore, when connecting all variables can be said there is no regularity (Huzairin: 2006).

In the formulation of the 2 variables combined only 4 variables (indicated to be the basis of typology Saleh (1983) and Seman (2001)), namely the shape of the plan and space, the shape of the terrace, the shape of the stairs, and the shape of the roof. Typology analysis of these 4 variables yielded 19 types with the combination of results shown in the following table (Huzairin: 2006).

Table 1. Typology of case studies based on 4 variables and explanations.

No	Tipe	Variable Typology			
		Shape Plan	Terrace	Stairs	Roof Shape
1	Tipe 01 (1 sampel)	Cross	Full Terrace	Stairs in the middle	Bubungan Tinggi
2	Tipe 02 (1 sampel)	Cross	Full Terrace	Stairs in the middle	Gajah Baliku
3	Tipe 03 (7 sampel)	Cross	Full Terrace	Stairs in the middle	Balai Bini
4	Tipe 04 (1 sampel)	Cross	Full Terrace	Stairs in the middle	Cacak Burung (modif)
5	Tipe 05 (1 sampel)	Cross	Full Terrace	Stairs in the middle	Tadah Alas (modif)
6	Tipe 06 (1 sampel)	Cross	Full Terrace	Stairs in the middle (side directions)	Balai Bini
7	Tipe 07 (1 sampel)	Cross	Full Terrace	Stairs on the side	Cacak Burung/ Tadah Alas/ Gajah Manyusu
8	Tipe 08 (1 sampel)	Cross	Half Terrace	Stairs on the side	Tadah Alas (modif)
9	Tipe 09 (1 sampel)	Cross	No Terrace	Stairs in the middle	Bubungan Tinggi
10	Tipe 10 (3 sampel)	Rectangle	Full Terrace	Stairs in the middle	Palimasan
11	Tipe 11 (1 sampel)	Rectangle	Full Terrace	Stairs in the middle	Palimbangan (modif)
12	Tipe 12 (1 sampel)	Rectangle	Full Terrace	Stairs in the middle	Joglo
13	Tipe 13 (1 sampel)	Rectangle	Full Terrace	Stairs in the middle (side directions)	Palimasan
14	Tipe 14 (2 sampel)	Rectangle	Half Terrace	Stairs on the side	Palimasan (modif)
15	Tipe 15 (1 sampel)	Rectangle	Half Terrace	Stairs on the side	Model Baru 1
16	Tipe 16 (1 sampel)	Rectangle	A third terrace	Stairs in the middle	Palimasan (modif)
17	Tipe 17 (1 sampel)	Rectangle	A third terrace	Stairs in the middle	Model Baru 2
18	Tipe 18 (1 sampel)	Rectangle	One and Half Terrace	Stairs in the middle (side directions)	Palimasan (modif)
19	Tipe 19 (1 sampel)	Rectangle	No Terrace	Stairs on the side	Palimbangan/ Cacak Burung

Source: Huzairin,2006

In 2006 the same research was conducted in order to find the typology and morphology of Banjar traditional house, but the sample location in Marabahan city (\pm 40km from Banjarmasin), which is the city of Daha Kingdom (before Banjar Kingdom), and there are still many houses traditional Banjar which is quite old age.

From this research based on 15 samples with 7 variables (building orientation, floor plan, roof shape, number and position of door & window, proportion, shape and proportion of front view, and ornament pattern), there are 9 types of houses (Penelitian Architecture Team UNLAM: 2006).

In 2009 & 2010, Banjar Traditional Architecture related to the structure and construction was conducted. The formulation of typology and structure morphology and construction of Banjar traditional house is based on 20 samples, spread its location in 3 different areas (Banjarmasin, Marabahan, and Martapura). From the results of the research, it is found a regularity in terms of: structural and construction systems, connection systems between structural elements, and dimensions.

5 General Description Of Astana Al-Nursari

Astana Al-Nursari has the total length of 51,45 M and the total wide of 25,78 M. The dominant roof shape is Bubungan Tinggi, whereas the highest roof from the ground is 15,40 M.

Research's object consist of 4 building that connect one to each other by the narrow room. The four buildings have different form one to each other, nevertheless have similarity in: building material, dimension and the order of the column, the pattern of wall panel, and structure system.

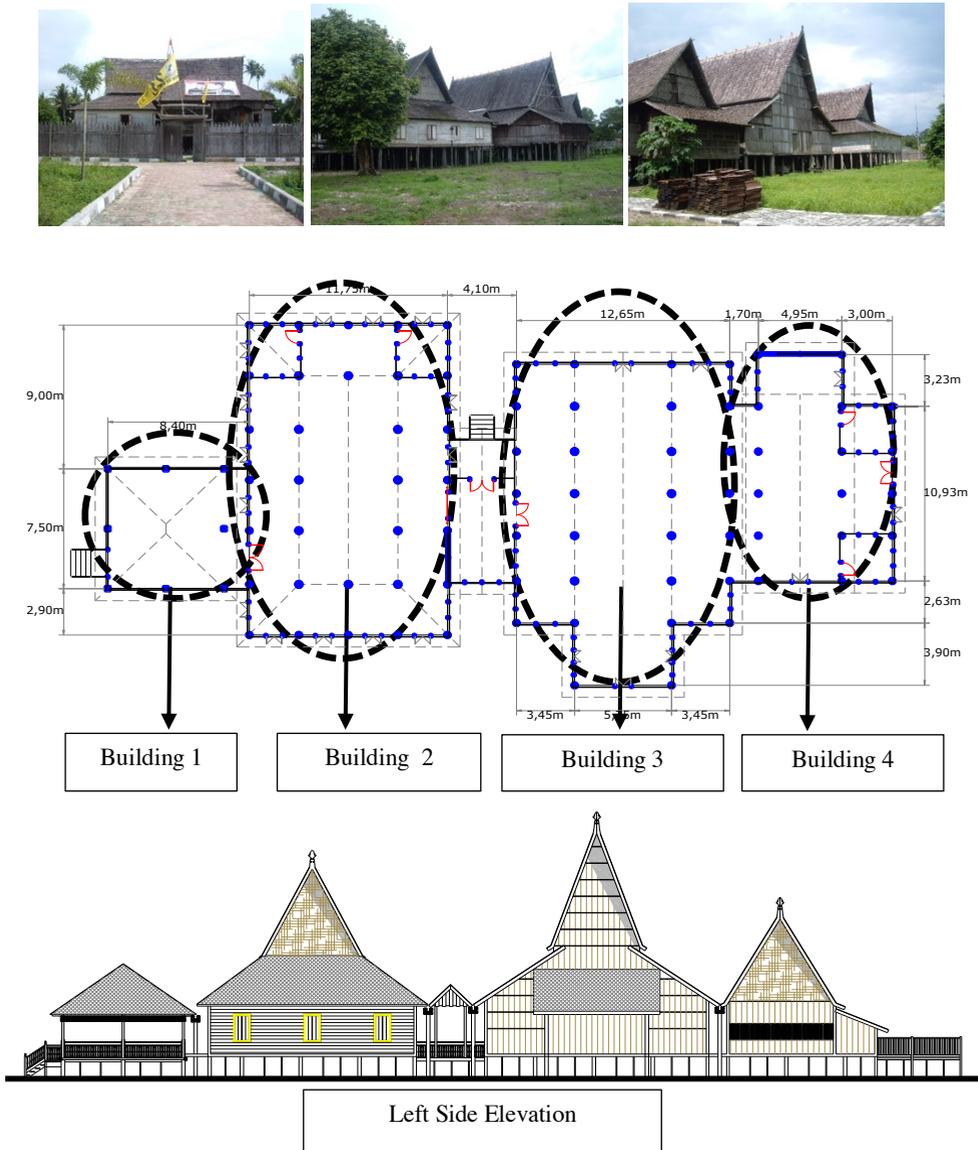


Fig. 1. Photos, floor plans and side view Astana Al-Nursari.

The four buildings are:

1. Building 1: pendopo, the form of Palimasan.
2. Building 2: living room and multipurpose, the combination form of Palimasan and Bubungan Tinggi.
3. Building 3: family room & anjung (bed room), the form of Bubungan Tinggi.
4. Building 4:kitchen, the form of Bubungan Tinggi.

6 Comparison of Astana al-Nursari with Typology of Banjar Traditional Architecture

The comparison are based on some variables, i.e.: the shape of plan and room, the shape of roof, plan proportion, elevation proportion, the number and position of windows, the number and order of columns, and ornament.

The whole research object is not shown the similarity of all type of Banjar traditional architecture. But if it is separated by each 4 mass, there are any of similarity.

The comparison analysis is resumed in the table below.

Tabel 2. The comparison of Astana Al-Nursari with typology of Banjar traditional architecture.

No	Variabel	Building 1	Building 2	Building 3	Building 4
1	The shape of plan	The shape of plan is tend to rectangle compare to quadrangle	The both shape of plan is quadrangle, but the orientation is different	The shape of plan is uncomplete cross	The shape of plan is uncomplete cross
2	Room order	One room compare to at least 3 rooms	One main room compare to at least 3 rooms	There are 4 rooms, but the order is different from the one of type of Bubungan Tinggi	There are only 2 rooms
3	The shape of roof	Type of Palimasan	Combination of Type of Palimasan and Type of Bubungan Tinggi	Type of Bubungan Tinggi	Type of Bubungan Tinggi
4	Plan proportion	There are not appropriate proportion	There are not appropriate proportion	The closed room with many windows. First door is the main entrance to the room, the second room connect to palidangan (family room) There are not appropriate proportion. Unless the ratio of width to length of anjung that is 0,65. The same ratio in Banjar traditional architecture is from 0,50 to 0,60	There are not appropriate proportion. Unless the ratio of width to length of anjung that is 0,65. The same ratio in Banjar traditional architecture is from 0,50 to 0,60

No	Variabel	Building 1	Building 2	Building 3	Building 4
5	Elevation proportion	There are not appropriate proportion	There are not appropriate proportion	There are not appropriate proportion	There are not appropriate proportion
6	The number & position of doors & windows	There is no wall. It is the open airy room	The closed room with many windows. First door is the main entrance to the room, the second room connect to palidangan (family room)	The closed room with few windows, so the room is quite dark. First door is the entrance to the room, the second room connect to pedapuram (kitchen)	The closed room with few windows, so the room is quite dark. First door is the entrance to the room, the second room connect to back terrace.
7	Columns order	Distance between column is same: 1,25 to 1,60 m	Distance between column is same: 1,25 to 1,60 m	Distance between column is same: 1,25 to 1,60 m	Distance between column is same: 1,25 to 1,60 m
8	Ornament	The fence use rasi (iron), as commonly used in the house of Banjar traditional architecture. On the stair column has the carved column head. The carved that is above the fence and below plafond has same position and shape with 1 to 2 sample in Banjar traditional architecture.	The door to access living room and its top is carved with the simple pattern of vegetation, such as leaves, etc. The other part has no ornament, interior and exterior.	The door to access living room and its top is carved with the simple pattern of vegetation and arabic calligraphy. The other part has no ornament, unless the top of Bubungan Tinggi roof that has Jamang (the decoration of wood carved on the both top of roof) with crown motif. It also has cross bar along roof peak.	The door to access kitchen and its top has no ornament. The other part also has no ornament, interior and exterior.

Source: analysis.

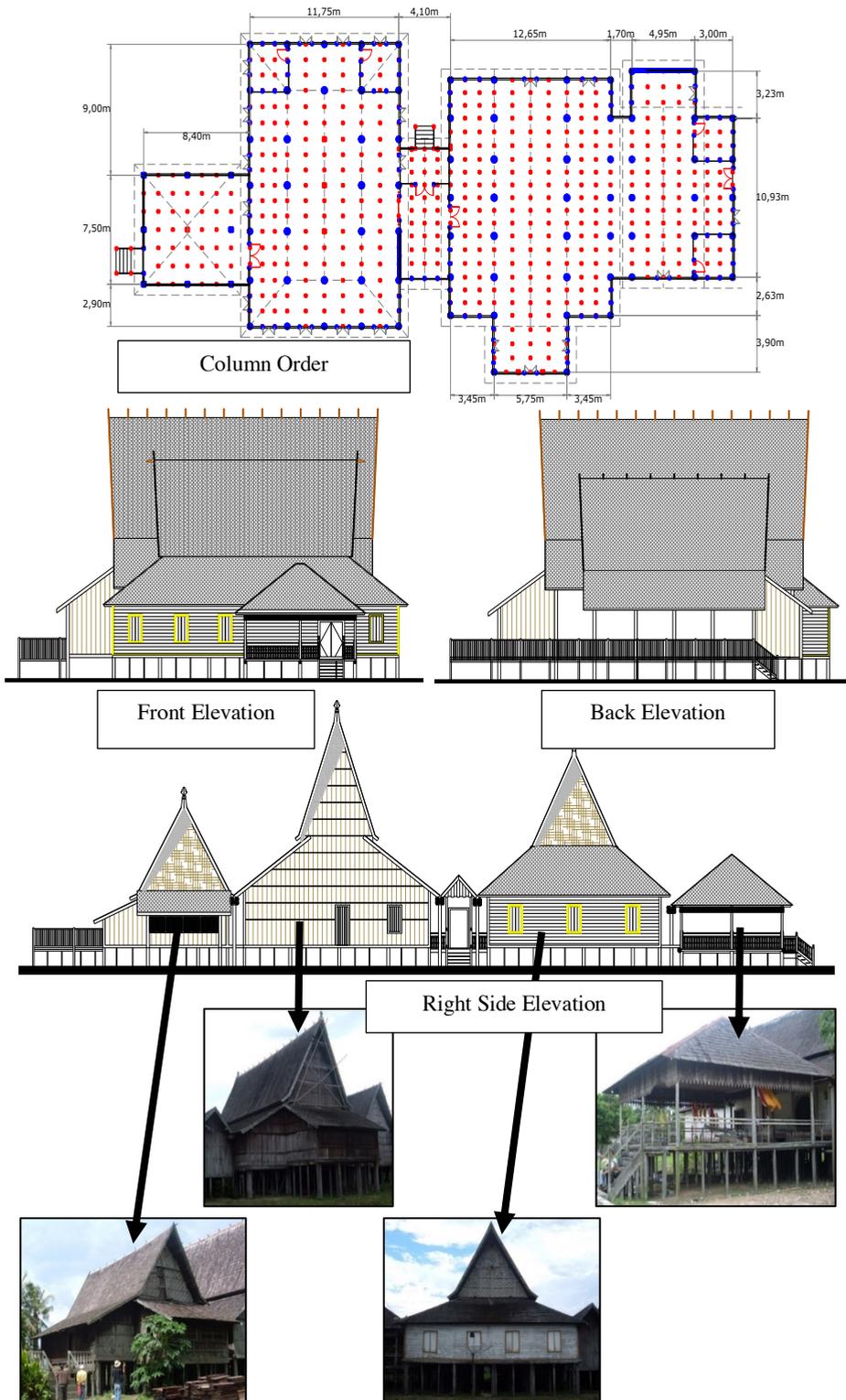


Fig. 2. Columns order and elevations of Astana Al-Nursari.

7 Astana Al-Nursari Describe The Basic Concept In Banjar Traditional Architecture

From the comparison of research object and typology of Banjar traditional architecture by some variables (table 2), there are only a few similarity. It can be guessed that Astana Al-Nursari is not appropriate with Banjar traditional architecture. This statement is not true, if the analysis is deeper.

If we examined thoroughly, the room order pattern and the shape order pattern of Astana Al-Nursari and Banjar traditional architecture, has an extraordinary similarity.

Almost all type and samples of Banjar traditional architecture have same room order pattern. Number of the room about 4 to 5 rooms, ordered hierarchial from front side to back side, i.e.: pelatar/ terrace, penampik/ living room (kacil, tengah, besar), palidangan/ family room and anjung/ bedroom, and padapuran/ kitchen.

Astana Al-Nursari also has 4 rooms, i.e.: pendopo/ pelatar, living room & multipurpose room/ penampik, living room/ palidangan and anjung/ bedroom, and padapuran/ kitchen.

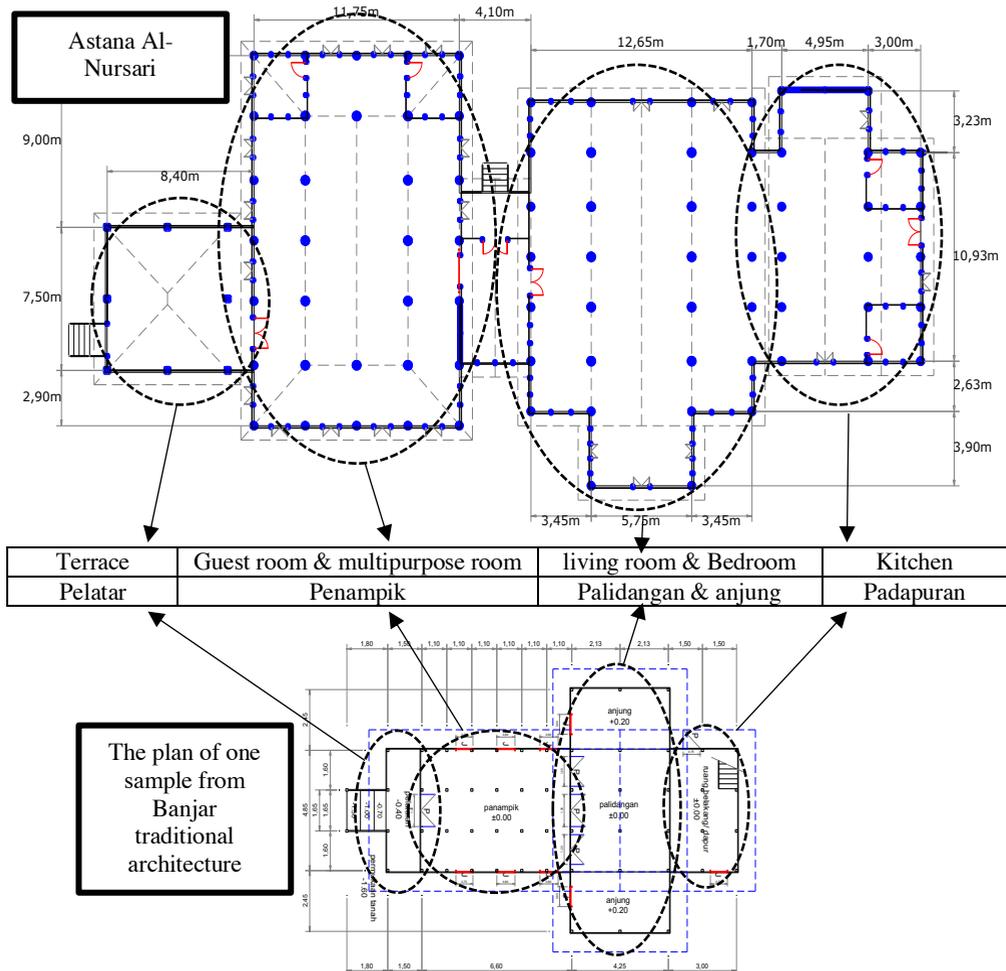


Fig. 3. The room order pattern and the shape order pattern.

The shape of building (building envelope) in Banjar traditional architecture is reflected the priority of the covered room, which is higher the roof indicate higher the value of the room. The highest part is Bubungan Tinggi that covered palidangan (family room) and anjung (bedroom). The lower part is Palimasan that covered pendopo (pelatar).

Astana Al-Nursari has building shape that similar to the pattern in Banjar traditional architecture. Even the research object is divided to 4 mass, every mass is reflected the room hierarchy that is covered. It is precisely same with Banjar traditional architecture. Mass 3 that is covered palidangan and anjung has the highest roof. The lowest is pendopo/ pelatar.

The sketch below show the similarity of the shape.

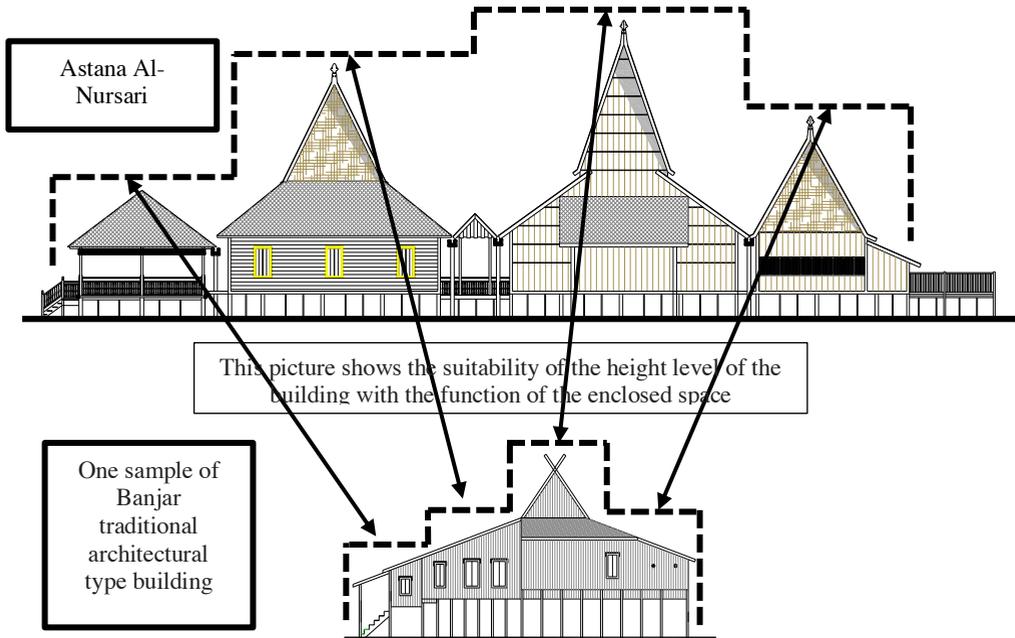


Fig. 4. The relationship between the philosophy of form and the space it covered.

The others part that are have similarity are: the number of windows, where in ruang keluarga/ panampik/ multipurpose room has most widely windows. Palidangan and anjung has a few windows. Meanwhile, pelatar and pendopo are not covered by wall.

8 Conclusion

Banjar traditional architecture can be applicated flexibly, and it is not defend to such determined proportion or ratio.

The dominant shape of Banjar traditional architecture is tapered roof of Bubungan Tinggi.

The similar aspects are: building material that is almost a whole from ulin wood (iron wood); stage structure; the main column/ pole is the long pole without connection from ground to ringbalk or roof; wooden boardthat is installed vertically.

The number and order pattern of windows is adjusted to the room function. The public and semi publid rooms have lots of windows, but the private room has a few windows.

The orientation of Banjar traditional building is not directed to the specific points of the compass, but it is directed perpendicular to river channel.

Astana Al-Nursari is different with any type of Banjar traditional architecture. The shape is formed by type of Palimasan and Bubungan Tinggi which is combined in such a way, even though both of them has similar design concept.

Astana Al-Nursari has the same type of space and architecture as Banjar traditional architecture, consisting of 4 spatial chambers, namely: pelatar / pendopo (front), panampik / living room / multipurpose, palidangan / family room and anjung , and the kitchen (on the back).

The roof height on Astana Al-Nursari has the same concept with the roof on the traditional architecture of Banjar, where the highest roof is on the palidangan and anjung. The lowest is on the pelatar / pendopo.

The shape of the roof reflects the function of space in it, where the shape of Palimasan reflects the public function and the High Ridge shape reflects the private function. This can be seen from the pendopo which is open public space roofed Palimasan, while the family room and kitchen roofed Bubungan Tinggi. While panampik (the reception and multipurpose hall) which is semi public (between public and private) the roof is a combination of Palimasan and Bubungan Tinggi.

The number of openings / windows also indicates the public or private level of the building, where a very public pendopo with no walls, a semi-public and semi-public panampik (reception room) is enclosed by walls with numerous windows. While the family room and kitchen which is the private space have a few windows.

In relation to this research, for the future it is advisable: first, the need for more in-depth research on Astana Al-Nursari, such as structural systems, and others.

Secondly, Astana Al-Nursari is in the Kutaringin Sultanate complex, where there are also several other historic buildings, such as the Kyai Gede mosque. These buildings require extensive documentation and follow-up research.

And the formulation of typology of Banjar traditional architecture which has been based on samples of Banjar merchant's house, needs to be developed by examining the palace buildings that are related to the sultanate and Banjar culture, such as Astana Al-Nursari.

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