The bridge over the river Tempasuk

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A reflection on rural suspension bridges in Sabah and the importance of their maintenance.



Timber suspension bridges are a common sight in the rural settings of Sabah, enabling local villagers to cross often wide and treacherous rivers of this Bornean state. These bridges sometimes are the only means of connection to the other side of a river, making them key rural infrastructures. In recent years, there have been attempts to increase awareness and call to maintain these bridges.

Are rural infrastructures such as these any less important than the infrastructure of our cities? What can and should be done to track and maintain our rural infrastructure?

Photo taken during a boat ride along Sungai Tempasuk, Kota Belut, Sabah

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