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Old wooden shophouse is a rare historical heritage but it is prone to fire. Once they are burnt down, they will be replaced by contemporary cement building, like what happened in Beaufort and Tamparuli. You could find such "living museum" in Kimanis and Membakut, but they are not as beautiful as the ones in Bongawan. I hope the government will protect and preserve these old buildings, before the remaining trace of British administration is lost forever. Tourists who go for white water rafting or Klias wetland in Beaufort always pass by this town, so a 30-minute visit to Bongawan can offer a special experience to the tourists.

Kopi-O Ais. I was holding a Carlsberg bottle, but I was not drinking beer. The shops in Bongawan serve the "Kopi-O Sejuk" (Cold Coffee) in empty Carlsberg and Tiger beer bottles. They store the coffee-filled bot-

tle in the fridge to cold the coffee thoroughly, in contrast to the Kopi-O-Ping in KK, which is served with a few ice cubes floating on the HOT coffee! What's more is each 1-litre bottle of Kopi-O Sejuk costs only RM1.40. One glass of Kopi-O-Ping in town is already RM1.80!

I also took a short walk at Ulu Bongawan about 1.5KM away from Bongawan town. A beautiful local girl "E", showed me an interesting convergence of black river and yellow river. Instead of a mixture of both colours, the river looks like a Teh-C plus Kopi-O river. The pristine and white sandy Bongawan Beach nearby is also a perfect spot for weekend outing. If you love golfing, Borneo Golf and Country Club is also not far away. The list will go on. Due to limited column space, I will let you explore the rest of this wonderful town personally.



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