



Dirk Teeuwen, Holland

## 6. Kali Besar Timur II, south side Dirk Teeuwen, Holland

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**Kali Besar circa 1925, Left from Middelpuntbrug (Jalan Kopi  
Bridge) Chicken Market Drawbridge (not visible)**

**Orientation: the building with the two cupolas (dome towers)  
is the Internatio Building**

### Introduction

**Certainly you can find nice colonial architecture between Jalan  
Kopi Bridge and Jalan Bank Bridge, such as the so-called Dutch  
"Internatio Building" dating from 1912 as well as a row of trade  
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**2 Kolff & Co, printers and editors since 1858  
About 1910**



Kolff&Co, Kali Besar 1865



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Kali Besar Timur, 19th century offices  
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**5 Kali Besar Timur, 19<sup>th</sup> century offices**



Kali Besar Timur, 19th century office  
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Kali Besar Timur, 19th century offices  
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**12 Rasa Raharja Building**

**Once the accommodation of, mainly, insurance companies**



Rasa Raharja Building, 2002



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**13 Detail of the cupola  
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Kali Besar Timur, Jalan Bank

**14 P.T. Skaha Building,  
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Kali Besar Timur/East to the north  
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**15 Kali Besar Timur, 1909**



## **Tour**

**Cross busy Jalan Kali Besar Timur 3, near Jalan Kopi Bridge. On the corner at the other side you descry the totally neglected remains of the art deco office of the company Kolff & Co, once printers and editors since 1858. The building still was in tact in 2002, we have seen so ourselves. Walk straight forward until you reach the quiet corner of Jalan Kali Besar Timur 4. On the corner of Timur 4 you see a large building with two small towers, the so-called Internatio Building. It was built in 1912 and served as an office on behalf of the International Rotterdam Trading and Banking Corporation as well as the shipping company Rotterdam Lloyd. Cross Timur 4 and then there is a surprise: a row of offices dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.**

**Walk on and you reach Jalan Kali Besar Timur 5, which leads to the old Town Hall. Cross it and you see the very beautiful Bathera Adhiguna Building dating from 1922, once an office of the Dutch Coal Trade Company. Directly next to it you discover the Rasa Raharja Building with a nice cupola on top (maybe address nr 10), dating from 1911. In the Dutch period it was an office building accomodating several insurance companies - such as Insurance Company Schlencke & Co and Insurance Company Sluyters & Co - as well as an office of the shipping company "Java-China-Japan Lines". After 1950 it has been an office of the British Lloyd Insurance Company. Look at the wonderful ornament, the decoration right under the red cupola. Directly right from the Rasa Rahardja Building you see another Dutch office, this one dating from 1912. It is the former accommodation of the colonial Borneo Sumatra Trading Company.**

**Forget the heat, go on and reach the large BGR-office, not so far away to the south along Kali Besar Timur: formerly the accommodation of the daily newspaper Bataviaasch Dagblad (Daily Journal of Batavia, in English). The building dates from 1926. Continue your walk and then you arrive at the corner of Kali Besar Timur and Bank Street. On this corner there is again a wonderful trade house from about 1860, now the P.T. Skaha Office.**

## **Suggestion**

**Now, walk, to the left, through Bank Street and Jalan Pintu to Taman Fatahillah, Town Hall Square, for a rest in Café Batavia.**

## Ending:

**You walked six tours. So, now, enjoy your beer and snacks in Café Batavia. We thank you for your attention. Join us in our next tour. Maybe, we are going to visit Stasiun Kota Square and its vicinity. Highlights will be the old Square, Museum Bank, Old Batavia Railway Station, the old Sion Church and the tomb of the Chinese Chief Bencon.**

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View of Kali Besar to the north, 1910  
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**View of Kali Besar from Middelpunt Bridge/Jalan Kopi Bridge to the north, to Chicken Market Drawbridge/Jembatan Kota Intan (1910)**



