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As this book ends, we arrive at an important insight. We have come face to face with the delicate nature of cultural heritage and its vulnerability in a continuously changing world due to our in-depth investigation of the Rebana Kercing of Kampung Laut. We are acutely conscious of the impending risk of permanently losing this valued performance art as the last Rebana Kercing performers in the Kampung Laut age, and the lack of successors has become increasingly apparent.

The Rebana Kercing of Kampung Laut is significant historically. However, it also symbolises the community's tenacity and fortitude in preserving this cultural treasure for so many years. Its dance, music, and lyrics weave together to form a beguiling tapestry of artistry that serves as an identification marker for the neighbourhood and the people of Malaysia as a whole. In order to preserve the Rebana Kercing performing art, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan, in partnership with the US Embassy in Kuala Lumpur and with funding from the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation, undertook a preservation project. This project was crucial in documenting, planning events, and fostering an environment of learning and teaching.

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