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**A STUDY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF PEST CONTROL WORK
(TERMITE) IN BUILDING**

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CHAPTER 1:

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Pest control is a very general and large topic. This thesis is about termite controls.

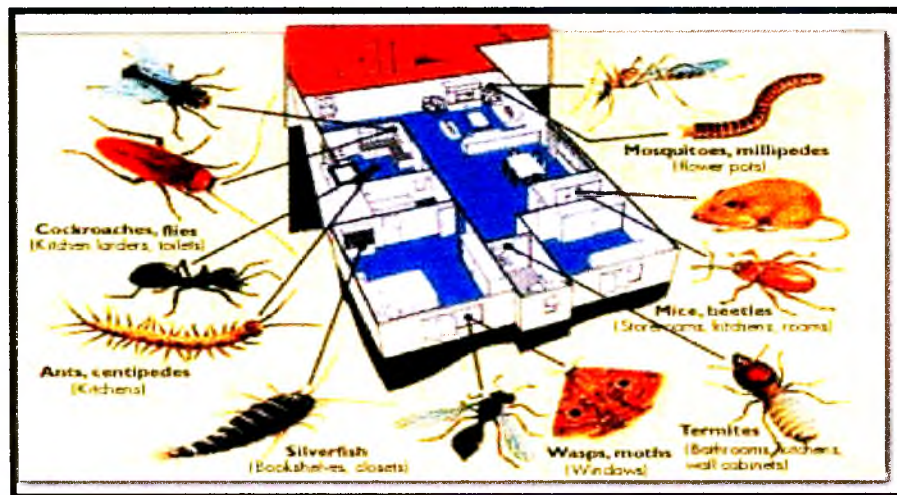


Figure 1.1(a): Daily pest in our home.

The figure above shows the type of daily pest in our home. This means that we are not alone in our house or in our building.

We are on the verge of a new era that is information technologies (IT). Our Malaysian people are equipped with so many technologies that are Internet, mobile WAP, and so much more. But sadly to say, that they do not know the importance of pest control and how do this pest affect their life, especially

termite that can damage and harm their house maybe their life one-day, who know.

Termite has live here on earth even before man was born. It is one of the dangerous pests that can destroy your home in the matter off year. Termite eat wood but it is on forest ground. Yes, they eat fallen logs and stumps off the forest floor.

Then come development, houses and building was built left forest near extinction. This made termite turn to others food supply to live. These mean that termite turn to our property as its food. Termite can eat away the equity you have build in your home and property. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, termite infests millions of home nation-wide, causing over 750 million in damage annually.

Termites does not attack a structural element only, but it also attack furniture and fitting in such building. This was clearly described by Victor Harris (1971) which stated that termite damage to buildings is such that within the wide limits of their geographical distribution, already described, these insects will in time destroy any unprotect timber used in construction work or as fittings unless it has been rendered unpalatable or is natural resistant to termites.

In general termites control will be made at intervals of time, perhaps once within six month period of time. This is normally recommended by the pest control company. But the termites still attack within a month or two.

A remedial treatment of termites must be carried out sufficiently in order to provide a good value for money before attempting to eradicate termites in building and taking measures to prevent further trouble, it is essential to know what kind of termites are involved, Victor Harris (1971). There is no need to be alarmed if termite activity is found in your home and treatment is necessary. Termites work slowly and the structure will not be extensively damaged or collapse overnight.

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