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# **E**XPOSITION OF TRADITIONAL MALAY HOUSE 20 JANUARY 2023 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN ELEMENT INFLUENCING INDOOR THERMAL PERFORMANCE



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# **BSTRACT**

Traditional Malay houses (TMH) practicing climatic design strategies are acknowledged to have more acceptable thermal performance than modern residential houses. Unfortunately, due to contemporary science and innovation, the Malay house has undergone countless changes and is constantly threatened. This study aimed to assess the indoor thermal performance of Neger Sembilan Malay houses for a sustainable approach to modern residential houses in the tropical environment. The fieldwork method was executed by observation and thermal measurement. The result shows that 20% of the overall data falls inside the recommended thermal comfort range when comparing the ASHRAE 55 and ICOP comfort levels. The house is in a comfortable condition in the morning where the indoor temperatures are between 25 and 27°C. Wind flow are within the comfort level ranges between 0.12 and 1.25m/s, while the RH level was 50-60%. Therefore, the primary finding were emphasized on five aspects of TMH construction that have a direct impact on the thermal performance of the house: size of the space, openings, floor and roof heights, materials, open compound areas, and building settings. A theoretical framework is developed in assessing the indoor thermal comfort of TMH. Thus, this study aspires to provide useful insights regarding the effectiveness of practices in the climatic design strategies of a TMH through the sustainable practices in modern residential design which aligned with the Twelfth Malaysia Plan (RMK12) Theme 3.

# **01 INTRODUCTION**

To achieve optimal climatic control, the traditional Malay houses (TMH) are designed appropriately to suit specifically the vagaries of the tropical climate of Malaysia. They are appreciably suited to the local climate. TMH is among the best traditional houses that practice climatic design strategies (Johari and Said, 2021). It is known for its distinctive characteristics of the climatic design i.e., architectural design element that give a positive response to the thermal condition. Research on the evaluation of the thermal performance of TMH in Malaysia has been widely done. TMH practicing climatic design strategies are acknowledged to have more acceptable hermal performance than modern residential houses. This study aimed to assess the indoor thermal performance of Negeri Sembilan Malay houses for a sustainable approach to modern residential houses in the tropical environment.

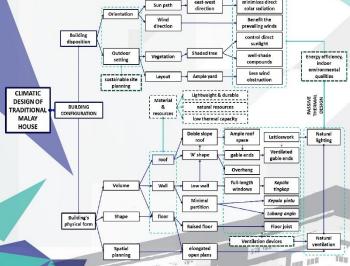
# **04 METHODOLOGY**

A mixed methods of fieldwork on site were applied consists of physical inventory of the building by observation and experimental study using climate data and environmental parameter of TMH.



# **06 NOVELTY**

A theoretical framework is developed to acknowledge and comprehend the TMH's climate adaptations. The framework intends to facilitates future research in assessing the indoor thermal comfort or climatic effects assessment of TMH.



A theoretical frame ork is developed to acknowledge that the energy efficiency for indoor environmental qualities via natural lighting and natural ventilation were scientifically contributed by building deposition, building configuration and building physical form.

# **02 ISSUE**

Contemporary science and innovation, TMH has undergone countless changes and is constantly threatened

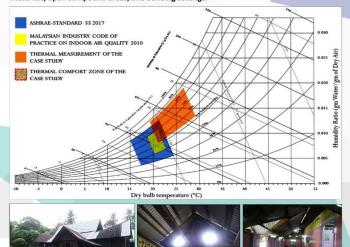
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# 05 RESULT & FINDINGS

To develop a framework the design features which influence

the indoor thermal performance of the Malay house

20% of the overall data in the thermal comfort range in ASHRAE 55 and ICOP comfort levels. The house is in a comfortable condition in the morning with temperature 25-27°C. Wind flow are varying within the comfort level range 0.12-1.25m/s, while the RH level was 50-60%. Therefore, there are five aspects of Malay house construction that have a direct impact on the thermal performance of the house: areas of spatial, openings, floor and roof heights, materials, open compound areas, and building settings.



# **07 CONCLUSION**

This study has demonstrated the essential strategies that existed in TMH, technically. passive and climatic design strategies in TMH have a lot to offer to develop building construction, especially in the tropical country of Malaysia to attain a degree of passive control, thus providing comfortable conditions. It can be deduced that there are five architectural design elements that directly influence thermal performance which lead to indoor thermal comfort: size of the space, opening, floor and roof heights, materials, open compound area, and building settings. A theoretical framework is developed as a literature framework and facilitates future research in assessing the indoor thermal comfort of traditional Malay house. Thus, this study aspires to provide useful insights regarding the effectiveness of practices in the climatic design strategies of a traditional Malay house through scientific discussions of the sustainable practices in modern residential design which aligned with the Twelfth Malaysia Plan (RMK12) Theme 3.

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