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ABSTRACT

Thermal comfort can be defined as a subjective assessment to the conditions of environment. Therefore this dissertation will focus on thermal comfort performance in the residential houses as case studies, which related to building orientation and their design and microclimate or local environment. The study also consider weather the occupants of these houses are satisfied with thermal condition of the houses that they lived in by measured the actual parameters of the thermal conditions.

The study is important because the environment in many building, whatever domestic, commercial or industrial, is not at all satisfactory, is because the various problems that arise are not well understood. Many of the problems that may occur from the demand and followed by limitation of land, architect designs residential houses without taking into consideration sun movement, wind direction and other climatic elements that influence thermal comfort. Tall building, which obstructs the wind flowing into the house, blocks the residential houses.

Therefore, this dissertation will analyze and compare between three different locations at Shah Alam, which located at Section 7, Section 8 and Section 11. It is important to know the actual parameter of thermal conditions in the residential houses, which is thermally comfortable or not.

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This dissertation also described about the design, materials, culture and technology, which may affect as a way to optimum thermal comfort to the indoor environment of the building with the proper controls techniques. So, research on micro-climate/ local climate, building orientation and building design to identified the outline of design considerations or procedures, in terms that it will be fully understood by building designer, building inspectors or building scientist to design the building during the design stage.

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