THE STUDY OF COMFORTABILITY OF URBAN COMMUNITY PARKS ENVIRONMENT A COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN TWO CASE STUDIES; TAMAN LEMBAH KIARA PARK AND UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI PETRONAS PARK

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ABSTRACT

Community parks play a vital role in the social life of urban communities. The purpose of this paper is to show the comfortability level towards the social behaviour and activities of the community during daytime in outdoor spaces exclusively in public urban community park Malaysia. However, literature reviews regarding daytime social behaviour and activities of urban community are limited. Improved understanding of relation between community activity and urban community park setting could be used to influence the development of public park design.

The research focuses more on the comfortable level of the environment as is has interesting features and facilities that can cater the visitors. A comparison study is most suitable for this research. As by comparison, the findings would be accurate in indifferences, the disadvantages, the workability, and the various design of the community park environment.

The community park should be maintained well by the management as it to keep the environment healthy, clean and in a good condition. The visitor would come to the park for a morning or evening as a retreat for them to get away from their busy working life. Nevertheless, it is very important to keep the community park environment in good condition so that the visitors will feel comfortable to come more often and could release their stressed minds in a peaceful manner.

CHAPTER 01: INTRODUCTION

1.0 BACKGROUND STUDY

Community spaces or public spaces are defined by Wikipedia as a social space that is generally open and accessible to people. According to Wikipedia also community space are divided to many parts such as roads, public squares, parks and beaches.

A park is an area of open space provided for recreational use. Parks are also divided into two category which are natural and semi-natural which may consist of rocks, soil, water, flora and fauna and grass areas.

Universiti Teknologi Petronas provide a very well planned community space at the front side of the university. The park is famous for its jogging track, fitness, sight-seeing and family gathering.

A comparison study is made in between two community parks; the first one is at Taman Lembah Kiara, Taman Tun Dr Ismail, Kuala Lumpur. Second one is at Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Tronoh, Perak. This is to study a comfortability of a jogging environment.