

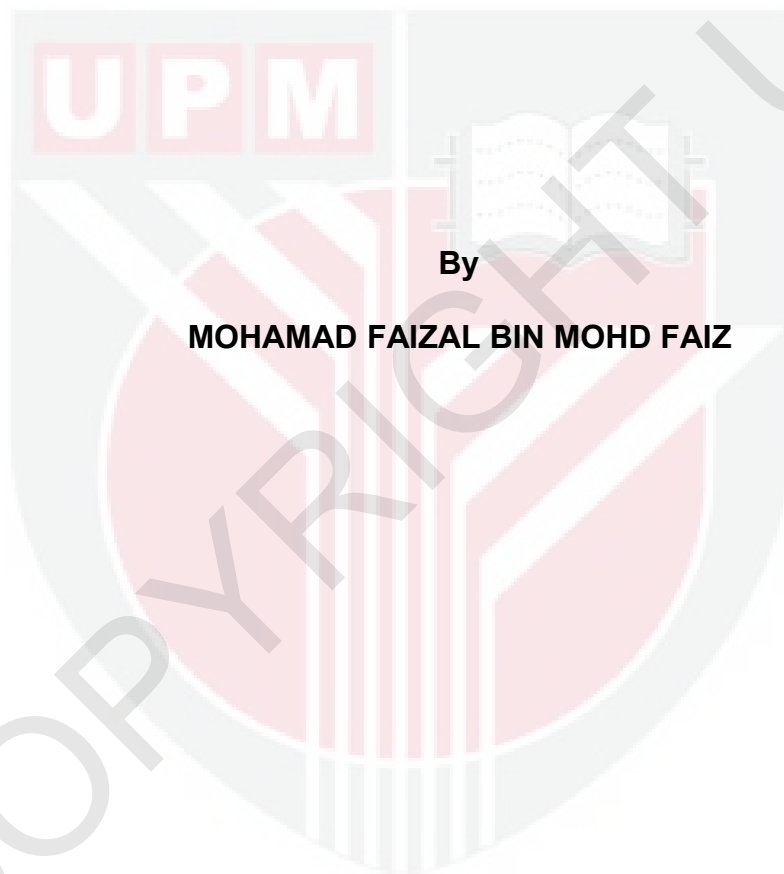


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## DEDICATION

To my beloved family,  
To my cherished friends,  
Thank you for all the supports given.  
Thank you for everything, and may Allah bless us all.



## ABSTRACT

The poor maintenance of Taman Tasik Komanwel Bukit Jalil has been an issue to the users of the park. Despite the poor condition of facilities in the park, it still receives visitors. The objectives of this study are to identify the motivation of visitors to visit the park and investigate the types of facilities needed in Taman Tasik Komanwel Bukit Jalil. The data is obtained using a questionnaire and the results were analyzed using SPSS. Descriptive analysis, *t*-test, ANOVA, and crosstab analysis were used in this study. The findings showed that visitors' main motivation to visit the park is to get fresh air. This is followed by the motivation to experience the calm and peaceful surroundings and to get away from daily pressure. Apart from that, the facilities that are most preferred by the visitors were the toilets, followed by exercise trails and dustbin. The findings of the study provides information on the motivation and important facilities to the authorities for improvement. This is important to enhance the use of recreational park among visitors, apart from managing the park facilities wisely.

## ABSTRAK

Penyelenggaraan Taman Tasik Komanwel Bukit Jalil yang kurang memuaskan telah menjadi isu kepada pengunjung taman. Walaupun keadaan kemudahan yang kurang memuaskan di taman itu, ianya masih didatangi pelawat. Objektif kajian ini adalah mengenalpasti apakah motivasi pengunjung untuk melawat taman ini dan mengenalpasti jenis kemudahan yang diperlukan di Taman Tasik Komanwel Bukit Jalil. Data diperoleh menggunakan borang soal selidik dan keputusannya dianalisis dengan menggunakan SPSS. Kajian deskriptif, analisis *t*-test, ANOVA, dan analisis crosstab digunakan dalam kajian ini. Hasil kajian menunjukkan bahawa motivasi utama pengunjung untuk melawat taman ini adalah untuk mendapatkan udara segar. Ini diikuti dengan motivasi untuk mengalami persekitaran yang tenang dan damai serta untuk menjauhkan diri dari tekanan harian. Selain itu, kemudahan yang paling dikehendaki oleh pengunjung adalah tandas, diikuti dengan laluan senaman dan tong sampah. Hasil kajian ini memberikan maklumat mengenai motivasi dan kemudahan penting kepada pihak berkuasa untuk penambahbaikan. Ini penting untuk meningkatkan penggunaan taman rekreasi di kalangan pelawat, selain menguruskan kemudahan taman dengan bijak.


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WHO	World Health Organization
LRT	Light Rapid Transit
SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
ANOVA	Analysis of Variance
NRPA	National Recreation and Park Association



# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background Study

Green space, in the planning context, is defined in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Section 336) as the land laid out as a public garden, public recreation area or a burial ground (Swanwick, Dunnett, & Woolley, 2003). Therefore it can be concluded that green spaces consists of three subsets. The usage of green space can be defined as any kind of visit to the parks with any kind of purpose and at any time (Aziz, 2018).

Green space is not something new to the people of rural and even the urban areas. Payne, Orsega-Smith, Roy, and Godbey (2005) states that in the past 15 years, the usage of green space has been related to human health and even health policy. Linda (2018) also supports this statement by stating that recreational parks and other natural environments are a fundamental health resource, especially in terms of disease prevention, such as blood pressure, cholesterol and stress reduction.

Taman Tasik Komanwel is located at Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur. It is built due to the 16th Commonwealth Games that is held in Kuala Lumpur. According to Alden (2004), the park is so well served by two STAR LRT stations, apart

from the convenience that the park offers to the visitors. This park consists of staggered hill route, a place for joggers, public toilet, pebble-washed jogging track, floral trellis and an ornamental lake. Located near the National Sports Complex, visitors can also drop by National Aquatics Center to relax at the swimming pool which is opened to the public.

Apart from the busy lifestyle in urban areas, it is a surprise that people still visits these green spaces to fill their time. Infrequent users were more towards the motivations associated with the quality of space, meanwhile the frequent users gave motivations towards physical and repeated activities (Dallimer et al., 2014). Dallimer et al. (2014) also stated that the different motivation for visits suggests that there is no easy way to manage green spaces to maximize the usage of it among different cohorts of visitors.

## **1.2 Problem Statement**

There are a lot of papers that discuss about the usage of green spaces in the urban areas especially in overseas. Somehow, the amount of studies been done in Malaysia regarding this issue is very limited if to be found in web pages such as Science Direct. This showed that this study is needed to enhance the quality of green spaces in Malaysia.

The location of Taman Tasik Komanwel is in the circle of the highway. Therefore, it is logic that the accessibility of Taman Tasik Komanwel is quite hard for those who drives due to the heavy traffic, especially in the morning and evening. Apart from that, the people living in urban areas usually have a busy lifestyle.

The current condition of Taman Tasik Komanwel Bukit Jalil is clearly shown in an article in Raymund (2015), that the once glorious park has been neglected to the point that people are no longer interested in the history of the park. There are a lot of problems that occur in the park, including the plaques and flags that had been stolen, graffiti scribbled onto the flag poles, the exercise equipment that had been dismantled for their parts, there were rubbish in many places, the fountain no longer functioned and contained stagnant water that breed mosquitoes, some of the drain covers had also been removed, the parking in the area is also a problem as visitors have to park by the kerb to gain entry to the park, and last but not least the toilets were also an issue as it is run down and dirty. All of these complaints come from the frequent users of the park. It is said that the main reason for these things to happen is the poor maintenance for its state. Somehow, there are still people who visits the park either regularly or seldom. Looking at these situations, it is interesting to know why or what motivate users to come to this park.

### **1.3 Significance of the Study**

The use of green spaces are related to recreations as a whole. Green spaces in Malaysia need more research in order the park can be manage efficiently. According to Aziz (2018) the use of green space information helps the urban green spaces planners and managers to meet public demands and preferences. Kothencz, Kolcsar, Cabrera-Barona, and Szilassi (2017) also recommend in their study that the ecosystem services should be focused on residents' aesthetic and recreational needs. Therefore, this study is essential for the management of Malaysia's green spaces.

### **1.4 Objectives of the Study**

The objectives of this study are;

- i) To identify the motivation of the visitors to visit to the Taman Tasik Komanwel Bukit Jalil.
- ii) To investigate the type of facilities needed in Taman Tasik Komanwel Bukit Jalil.



## 1.5 Research Questions

- i) What is the motivation of the visitors to visit Taman Tasik Komanwel Bukit Jalil?
- ii) What is the type of facilities needed in Taman Tasik Komanwel Bukit Jalil?



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