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VERTICAL LIVING IN KLANG VALLEY, MALAYSIA: COMPARATIVE BETWEEN LOW AND MEDIUM COST VERTICAL RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

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ABSTRACT

Vertical living is becoming a lifestyle amongst the urban professional community in Malaysia. The main attraction in this type of living phenomenon is the facilities and amenities provided within the housing area. Nevertheless, living in a shared community requires a good building management system. This study aims to examine the key problems in managing vertical residential building (VRB) in Malaysia. The study also looks into the satisfaction level of residents living in low and medium cost VRB in Klang Valley. The study was conducted based on face to face survey with homeowners. The findings demonstrated that a high level of satisfaction living in VRB despite the gradually deteriorating living environments conditions.

Keywords: Residential; Vertical Residential Building; Housing; Living Environment

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Background of Vertical Living in Malaysia

The 20th century has seen an increasing trend of urbanization in most countries including Malaysia. Urbanization is a process of change in the growth and social-economic characteristics of urban centers as a result of the increasing concentration of population and economic activities in urban areas over time. The urbanization process in Malaysia began with the provision of basic infrastructure and physical facilities to cater for the exploitation of resource-rich areas along the West Coast of Peninsular Malaysia.