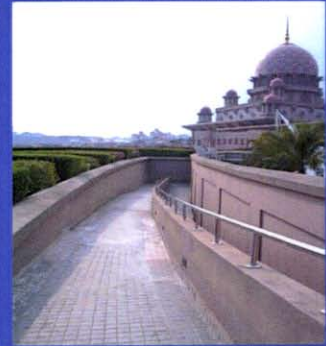
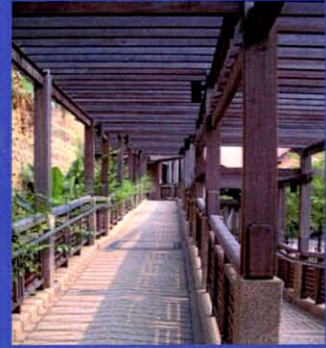


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**CHAPTER 4:  
RECREATIONAL PARK FOR ALL –  
TAMAN REKREASI KIARA,  
KUALA LUMPUR**

*Saadah Wok & Ardi Herman Mohd Mardzi*

**INTRODUCTION**

This paper discusses the importance and functions of a recreational park to be used by all people, including accessibility to all groups regardless of age, culture, background, gender, abilities and social status. Recreational spaces should be a safe place for everyone to enter in terms of its function, accessibility, connectivity and usability.

This paper discusses the methodology used while the research is conducted, in which the main concern is towards general observations and interview with the users concerning the accessibility of the park. This research also requires the researchers to carry out evaluation on the level of accessibility and how can they be overcome.

The paper, thus, elaborates about types of parks in general, the criteria and requirement of a park, and to make a simple comparative study of recreational parks between local and oversea, in terms of accessibility and how do the park serve people well. The findings are intended to provide proposal and recommendation on appropriate design criteria for people with disabilities to have access.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH**

- 1) To identify the needs of the users, especially the people with disabilities (PWDs) and elderly in their outdoor living environment, particularly in the recreational spaces;