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### CHAPTER 5

# SMART SYSTEM FOR MONITORING ELECTRICAL POWER USAGE AT HOMES

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#### 5.1 Introduction

Global warming and its disasters environmental and economic effects are considered as one of the major challenges that mankind will face during this century. Therefore, green technologies are very needed nowadays to reduce global warming. The smart device proposed in this chapter can help environment in reducing carbon footprint and save energy consumption at homes. Malaysia is now in mission towards "Green Earth" so any smart green technologies which may corresponds to this mission will get much of the attention worldwide. Smart home system functionality is dividing into the following five components which are sensor system, signal transmission systems, power transmission system, action system and central control system. Sensory system work having the responsibility to collect data. Whereas, power transmission is responsible for the various parts of the power supply, refers primarily to electric doors and windows, curtains, electrical switches and other actions to complete the module terminal and lastly the most central part of the central control system.

#### 5.2 Smart Home Power Monitoring Systems and its Development

Today, low power design is a mature research area and power consumption is considered at all levels of system generalization. As smart home becomes increasingly popular, People are in need of more home automation devices to upgrade their living spaces and enjoy a high-tech and tranquil yet cost-saving life [1]. They went to equip their houses with more sensors and actuators for optimum convenience, security and entertainment.

- **5.2.1 Concept of Smart Home Power Monitoring System.** An external plug-in device is used as one way in smart home management in terms of power consumption. Power outlets or power socket are the most commonly-used electrical devices in modern home environment. External plug is used as a monitoring device that can show specifically power consumed on each appliance attached to power socket. User can also remotely control the power on/off of particular appliance using a controller through this external plug.
- **5.2.2 Development of Smart Home.** This project is aimed for getting data (current) of home appliances that have been used by homeowner where we can monitor via software interface. The study aspects are the electrical/electronic devices, software development using LabVIEW, wireless connectivity and mechanical part which aimed to get the best design for the whole system. Hardware development is more concern in designing the circuit connection inside the plug and also the design of plug itself. As this plug has the capability to measure the power consumption, the basic idea inside this plug is a controller that