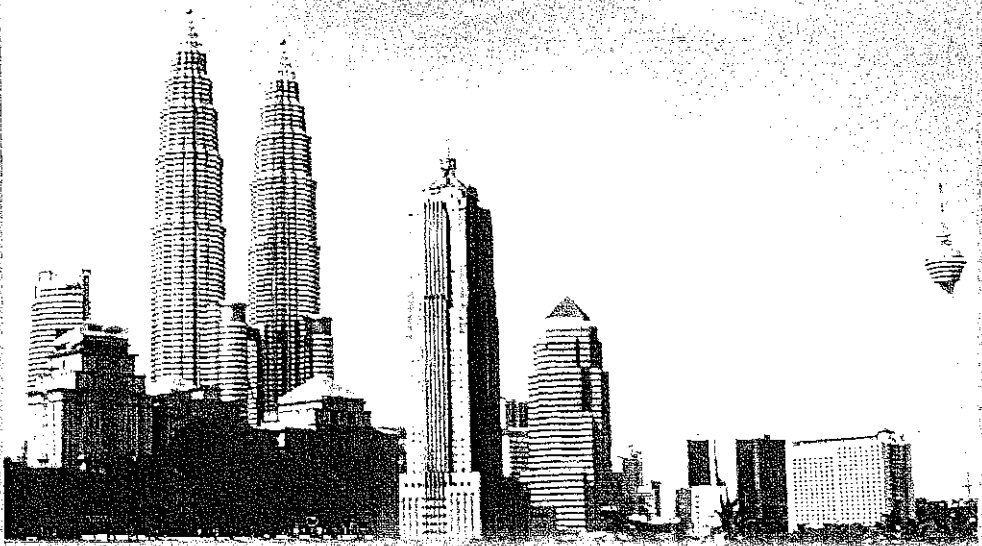


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INTRODUCTION

The modern town and country planning in Malaysia has its origins in the United Kingdom. It was introduced in the country with the main objective of improving living conditions of the people. At present, that simple objective has been developed enormously into an exercise of comprehensive analysis of all surrounding conditions whether physical or human. Thus, and with the progress of the society, the central role of the land planning process started to change, as it became more and more complex in nature. The intensity and the enormous number of development activities necessarily required determining issues relating to location, size and patterns of land utilization. This would support the view that land planning system is principally a system of anticipatory control of various land use patterns since the controlling authority is empowered to refuse granting approval for a development activity if adverse impact on the surrounding environment was envisaged.

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