

The Use of Public Space by Womankind at Multi-Storey Housing for Creating a Sense of Place and Creative Activities

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ABSTRACT

Multi-storey housing is vertical dwelling that is built for middle and low income society at urban areas. Public space is one of public facility which is provided at multi-storey housing. It is useful for refreshing and socialization among the occupants. Generally Indonesia's women are a housewife who has activities at their house a long time. So the dominant user of public space at multi-storey housing in Indonesia is womankind. Currently woman position has important role in family. She can help to increase family welfare. The use of public space optimally can help to create sense of place and support for creating sense of belonging at multi-storey housing. If it happens, the occupants will increase the room quality at multi-storey housing voluntary through maintaining collectively. This condition can support to create creative activities that influence economic value and to increase the occupant's welfare.

This study tries to reveal the use of public space by womankind at multi-storey housing in the effort to create a sense of place and to support creative activities. This study was done with descriptive method, observation and literature study. The case of study is public spaces at four multi-storey housing in Jakarta.

The result of study give knowledge about women characteristics as dominant user of public space at multi-storey housing, type and design quality of public spaces at multi-storey housing, women activities that happen at public space and its influence to the effort for creating a sense of place and supporting creative activities.

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