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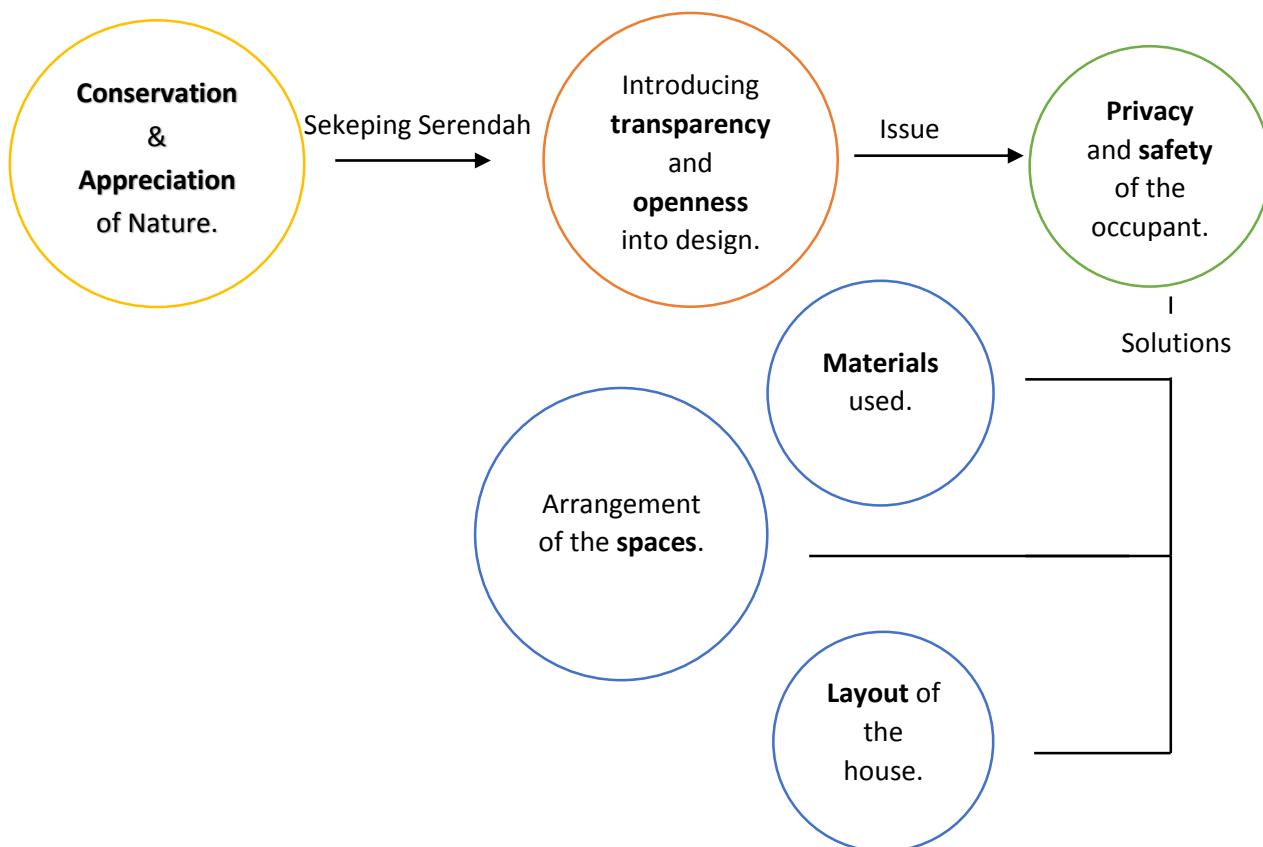
Title: Effective open design of Sekeping Serendah, Rawang in achieving optimum privacy and safe occupancy.

Research Objectives:

1. To study how effective the open design of Sekeping Serendah in achieving optimum privacy and safe occupancy.
2. To study the implemented design strategies of Sekeping Serendah in achieving optimum privacy and safe occupancy.
3. To compare different design strategies used in achieving optimum privacy and safe occupancy with Sekeping Serendah.

Research Questions:

1. How effective open design of Sekeping Serendah in achieving optimum privacy and safe occupancy?
2. How the design strategies of Sekeping Serendah achieves optimum privacy and safety of the occupants?
3. How the other design strategies are used to further improve the privacy and safe occupancy?



Summary of the topic

Relationship between buildings with its context is one of the important features that we have to take into consideration in the design of the building. In Malaysia that is located within the tropical zone with plenty of forested lands, there are many opportunities and flexibilities that we can use to explore with the design of the buildings. However, the importance of the nature and environment have been neglected as many of the buildings are built by destroying the nature of the site.

Chosen the site at Sekeping Serendah located in a forest at Rawang by architect Ng Sek San with his main intent of the conservation of the nature of the site. He explained that he is trying to build the societies and communities rather than just buildings. (Mah, 2013) Therefore, he introduced the open design strategy through the idea of transparency and openness into the design of this retreat house. This idea of openness creates a connection between the occupants and the nature.

Sekeping Serendah was designed to create and enhance the connection between its occupants with the nature of the site. Therefore, the retreat house was designed without any boundaries, fences and doors to support the idea of openness. Besides, glass materials are used as one of the features of the open design strategy in the retreat houses. Upon this idea of transparency and openness resulting the issues of the privacy and safety of the occupants in the retreat house.

Thus, this paper will be focusing on the effective open design strategy of Sekeping Serendah in achieving the optimum privacy and safety of the occupants. This paper will be discussing about how effective the open design strategy is implemented and also the different aspects of the open design that have been introduced in Sekeping Serendah in relation to the privacy and safety of the occupants. The aspects that will be discussing are the building materials used in the retreat house, the arrangement of the spaces within the retreat house and also the layout of the retreat houses within the forest site. Lastly, this paper will be comparing about the open design strategies that are implemented in the other buildings with Sekeping Serendah in order to further improve the privacy and safety of the occupants.

Reference

Mah, K. (July 18, 2013). *Getting Away Without Leaving Town*. Retrieved from <http://www.themalaymailonline.com/travel/article/getting-away...without-leaving-town>

This webpage explains about the design intention of the architect of Sekeping Serendah.