Adaptation Behaviour of Residents Living in a High-Density Housing in Jakarta

Abstrak:

This study is centred on the contemporary problem of housing units that are designed with little regard for users and which, by neglecting some of their fundamental needs. This lead to a range of coping strategies in order to exist within such units (Heimsath, 1977). One is called Adaptation Behavior. Adaptation is another way in which individuals change their behaviour to fit environmental demands (Bell, Fisher & Loomis Ross 1978, p.224). Adaptation is a dynamic and continuous process, and can be to the physical, socio-cultural or community, and to the individuals’ environment (Mahfuzh 2003, p.15). This research conducted which in most cases, the conditions of high-density housing developments require occupants to adapt their behaviour to fit the space/environment provided. This research provides empirical evidence on the Adaptation behaviour of housing complex residents of high-density housing in Jakarta, Indonesia in relation to their use of space within their physical architectural setting. The primary data for this study was collected through semi-structured interviews with residents from various unit types within one high-density housing complex built in central Jakarta by the national urban development corporation of Indonesia (perum perumnas). Mixed data analysis method, combining both qualitative and quantitative was employed for the research. The study revealed that the design strategies deployed for the selected housing complex DID and DID NOT, to various and differing degrees, adequately meet the residents needs from many angles. The effect of this for residents was the enforced adoption of various coping strategies; not only spatial adjustment to compensate for both the physical and behavioural limitations of their living space as usual found in the previous study, but also coping conducted for adaptation behaviours by the occupants, which make the occupants’ lifestyle have changed for the betterment on one hand and worsen on the other hands. This study has provided a description to confirm the observation stated in the report by the Ministry of Public Works and State Ministry of Housing and Human Settlements Republic of Indonesia that, for most Indonesians, living in multi-storey buildings is the new way of life in socio-cultural terms.

Keyword:

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