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Prelude

- ✦ Purpose and Scope of Research
- ✦ Case Study and Findings
- ✦ Objectives and Aim
- ✦ 'Barrier-Free'
- ✦ Efforts Done

*'Behind such considerations is the basic idea that a park must be **accessible, safe** and offer both **comfort** and maximum **enjoyment**'*

Landscape Design Periodical, April 1996, p19



Barrier-Free

- ★ **Safety**
- ★ Definition: Freedom from danger/risks

'If I use the facilities, I may injure or hurt myself as there is lack of safety features...'



Barrier-Free

- ★ **Accessibility**
- ★ Definition: That can be readily reached/entered

'I am unable to participate equally in life; education, employment, recreation, conduct day to day living because everything seems unreachable'



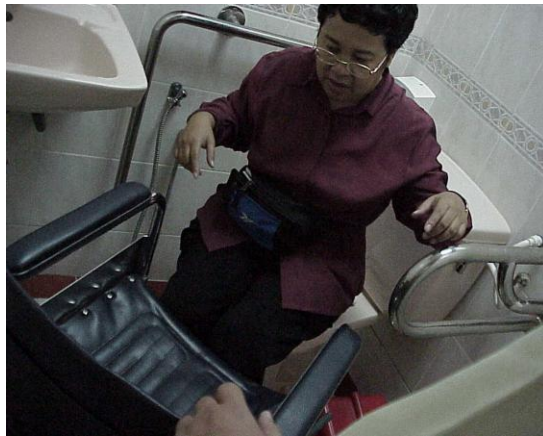
Barrier-Free

- ★ **Usability**

- ★ Definition: That can be used.

Use means 'bring into service'

'I am unable to contribute meaningfully to society, as basic needs are not met or not made usable, like the toilets and ramps are incorrectly designed and made...'



Barrier-Free

- ★ **Affordability**
- ★ Definition: Having means to or provide

'It is difficult for access features to be incorporated into an existing building, which is a costly mistake as the elderly and disabled are not included and this means a lose of resources...'



KLCC PARK

- ✦ Concept
- ✦ Objective

*'In many respects, the KLCC Park is very much a
People's Park'*

Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, Prime Minister of Malaysia,

KLCC Park, p3



THE FINDINGS

* Scent

*'For people who cannot share the visual enjoyment of a garden, **scents** are particularly important'*

STONEHAM, J and THODAY, P; *Landscape Design for the Disabled People*, p159



THE FINDINGS

★ Safety

'Safety is an important concern for frail people and there is little sense in including highly poisonous or allergenic plants in a planting scheme'

STONEHAM, J and THODAY, P; *Landscape Design for the Disabled People*, p158



THE FINDINGS

* **Texture**

*'The outdoors is full of different **textures**, particularly those with visual impairments, rely on these to interpret the environment'*

Landscape Design Periodical, April 1996, p27

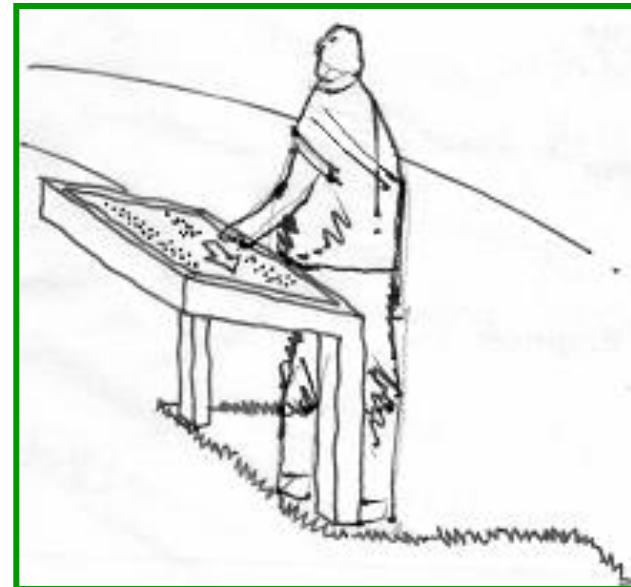
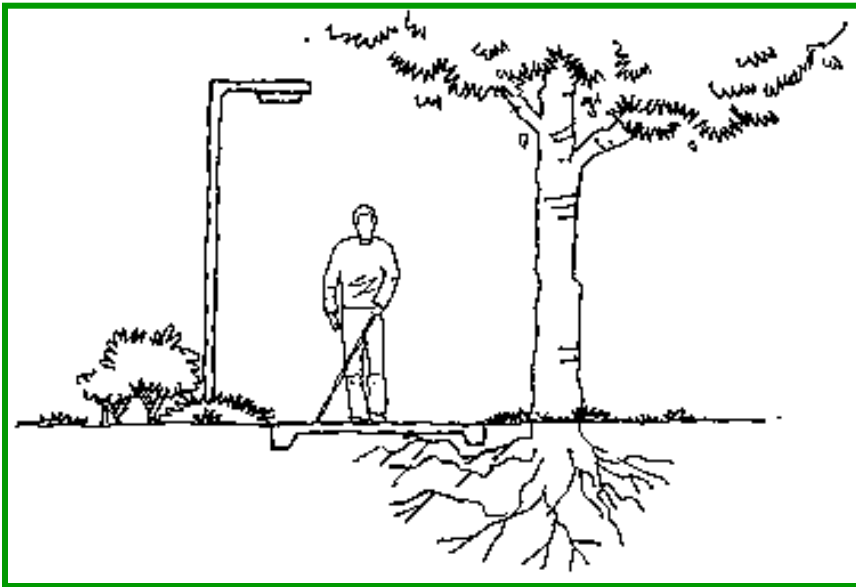


THE FINDINGS

* Other Feature

*'Information provided to visitors should be available in appropriate format (at least large prints but ideally **Braille** and cassette as well) and siting of information points such as notice boards needs careful consideration'*

Landscape Design Periodical, April 1996, p30



EFFORTS DONE

- ✦ Awareness Training (simulation exercise)
- ✦ Access Survey, Questionnaire and Works Done
- ✦ Training Future Professionals
- ✦ Creating A Network and Research Base



Epilogue

- * Universal Design should be the **main thrust** to planning and designing for an Accessible Park.
- * Partnership of government, private sector and communities.
- * Disabled people should be **inclusive** in our society.

Next Steps

- * Localized efforts to be done by everyone.
- * Public Awareness.
- * Create network of resource persons from the local, federal and academia.

