

Rethinking Our Transportation Needs

The term 'transportation hub', in its strictest sense, describes centres of multi-modal transport facilities and services. This, unfortunately, is far from the case in our present situation where each mode of transport seems to exist for its own glory and is rarely inter-connected to other modes. Even our roadside bus and taxi stops are exclusive.

While many buildings exist catering for specific transport models – bus terminals (the Malacca Central Terminal featured here), airports (Limbang Airport and the new KLIA Low Cost Carrier Terminal featured) and ferry terminals (Labuan Ferry Terminal featured) – the closest one gets to the true definition of a transportation hub (at least as far as projects featured in this issue) is probably the Putrajaya Western Transport Terminal which brings together multiple modes of transport under one roof.

In many developed nations, the idea of transportation has been redefined in the last few decades with the re-introduction of low-tech transport modes, especially in city centres. City planners there have realised that the motorcar (and its demand for increasingly more space, not to mention fuel) is unsustainable in the long run. Many cities in Europe are extremely 'pedal-power friendly' with dedicated lanes, rental facilities and parking arenas for bicycles. In Amsterdam, it's common even to find a small bicycle repair shop within this parking area.

With escalating fuel prices, it's probably timely that more of these transportation hubs are built so that we can better utilise the increasingly efficient public transport system we have. Being advanced does not necessarily have to mean having the fastest, largest and glitziest motorcar.

Imagine your local school at end-of-session time: instead of hundreds of parents in cars waiting to pick up their children, how about this... ?



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