

ABSTRACT

REVIEW OF PUBLIC BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY FOR WHEELCHAIR DISABILITIES. Case Study: Plaza Blok M.

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Disabled people, specifically those who use wheelchair, needs a participatory environment when moving from one place to another. People friendly accessibility specially for the disabled is a very important tools to make disabled people specially those who use wheelchair to be more independent and give their contribution in the society. Public building especially Blok M Plaza is one of the most visited shopping center in Jakarta because of it's reputation for one of the most complete shopping center for people buy the daily needs and the shopping center located in a very strategic location that connected directly to the public transportation like Blok M BCA MRT and Blok M bus terminal. This research is designed to discuss universal design, fulfilling four important principles, they are safety, simplicity, independence and usefulness, also the architecture who based on empathy. In addition, it can help the the wheelchair's user in Jakarta, especially in Blok M Plaza. This research was conducted by doing the field observations and interview those people who use wheelchair, and do the documentation about how people with wheelchair do the access while shopping in the Blok M Plaza. So, the needs of people with the wheelchair for access the public building can be understood.

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