## Housing in Malaysia

## Housing in Malaysia is diverse

It is possible to find a private condominium or apartment to suit your location, preferences, and budget. The following is brief outline of the housing options in Malaysia.

Condominiums are the best choice for a first-time resident in Malaysia. They are a type of high-rise property that is well designed and well equipped with multiple bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, and bathroom. Many condominiums are fully furnished and equipped with appliances. Some of them have swimming pools and gymnasiums.

Many apartments and condominiums have 7-day, 24-hour security systems. Monthly rent in Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur) ranges from RM 1,500 to RM 5,000, with rentals costing above RM 1,700 being more secure. The contract term is usually one year. The contract terms are simple. There is no need to have a guarantor, and you pay a security deposit (approximately 2 months' rent). Approximate monthly utility costs are RM 10 for water, RM 100 for electricity (about double if you use air conditioning), and RM 3.25 for (propane) gas if used daily. In Malaysia, some students living near the university have room-share arrangements. One student represents the group and is responsible for the contract, and then (s)he collects the rent from the roommates.

## Living in Malaysia

- Students do not usually drive cars. Parts of city roads are dedicated to motorcycles, making it easy to get around by bike.
- Trains leave every 5 to 10 minutes. The train fares start from RM 1, and student discounts are available.
- GOKL, a free bus service, runs throughout the city.
- There are many big shopping malls around the University of Tsukuba, Malaysia, such as Mid Valley Megamall, KL Gateway Mall, and The Sphere. Mid Valley Megamall has many Japanese stores such as Isetan, Aeon, and Muji.

For more information on housing and living conditions, please refer to the following:

Education Malaysia Global Service (EMGS) HP: https://educationmalaysia.gov.my/accommodation/

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