



## Eudemonia

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Aging and aging gracefully has attracted the country's attention in recent years. This landscape design project is an attempt to change traditional attitudes towards aging by redesigning the outdoor spaces at a publicly funded home for the elderly in Jelapang, Ipoh in Perak.

The goal of the design is to create happiness and joy among the elderly residents. This is achieved through the integration of outdoor and indoor spaces that encourages the participation of outside communities with the elderly residents as well as fulfilling residents' basic needs.



The concept of "Eudemonia" was aptly chosen by Azryt to be the basis for the landscape design. Eudemonia describes the state of happiness, well-being, completeness and self sufficiency. It conjures images of satisfaction, pleasure, peace, respect and mutual understanding between residents, their next-of-kin as well as the concerned members of the community.

As the site is located in the midst of other residential neighbourhoods, Azryt takes great care to blend the proposed design, facilities and activities with its surrounding context. Azryt also introduces spaces and facilities that would attract outside communities to be involved with the residents and at the same time encourage residents to be more socially and physically active. A variety of appropriate facilities to cater for the needs and preferences of the elderly residents are sensitively combined with those that cater for visitors. Residents' comfort and safety are not compromised with the provision of proper structures such as a guardhouse and covered walkway.

The proposal appears to fulfil its goal of changing the traditional view of homes for the elderly Malaysians that are synonymous with being neglected, hopeless, sad and depressed. It becomes one that will bring satisfaction, pleasure, love, joy, and independence to the elderly residents. It is recommended that many more homes for the elderly in Malaysia are designed in such way which would foster respect and dignity for our elderly population.

