

## Reaching out from a shoebox

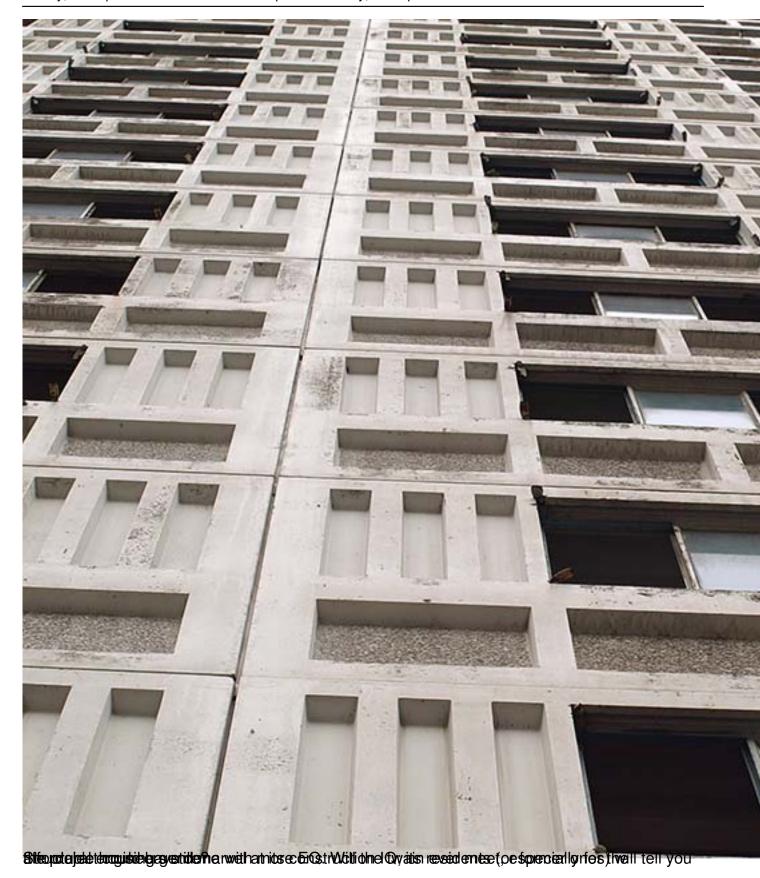
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The Pekeliling Flats were constructed from precast concrete kit-of-parts, pretty clever for its time in this region. Though not the prettiest thing, it was home for the lower-income. But a home needs personality.

And so over the years, aluminium awnings began sprouting from the individual units providing for that extra bit of shade and comfort. Not to mention colour.

Built in 1964, the flats were a fast-track public housing project for almost 3,000 families who were made homeless because of fires in the squatter areas in KL. The modular system was repeated unwaveringly over 11 blocks, some reaching 17 storeys high.

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