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## SETAPAK, KUALA LUMPUR

### **LOCATION**

Setapak is a major suburb in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It is situated in the north-eastern part of Kuala Lumpur and has an area of 160 km<sup>2</sup>. The northern limit of Setapak is Gunung Bunga Buah; its north-eastern limit is Gunung Bidai; to the east is Bukit Dinding and to the south-east is the Padang Tembak.

### **Coordinates:**

3°12'13"N 101°43'28"E

3.20361°N 101.72444°E

### **LOKASI**

*Setapak merupakan sebuah sub-bandar utama di Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Setapak terletak di bahagian timur laut Kuala Lumpur dan meliputi kawasan seluas 160 km<sup>2</sup>. Sempadan utara Setapak ialah Gunung Bunga Buah; sempadan timur lautnya ialah Gunung Bidai; ke arah timur ialah Bukit Dinding dan ke arah tenggara ialah Padang Tembak.*

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### **TOPOONYM**

In Malay tapak means 'step' and setapak means 'one step', probably referring to the close proximity of the suburb to Kuala Lumpur. Another explanation of the origin of its names traces to its historical roots. The earliest inhabitants of Setapak were the aborigines and the Minangkabaus. On 12th April 1884, the Frank Swettenham, the Resident of Selangor pleaded for the re-appointment of Batu Tapak as the headman of the aborigines living in that area, and hence the name Setapak, in honour of the headman.

### **TOPONOMI**

'Setapak' dinamakan sedemikian barangkali kerana lokasinya yang amat dekat dengan Kuala Lumpur. Terdapat juga pendapat yang mengatakan bahawa asal usul nama kawasan ini boleh dijelaskan berdasarkan sejarahnya. Menurut pendapat ini, penduduk Setapak terawal ialah orang asli dan orang Minangkabau dan pada 12 April 1884, Residen Selangor Frank Swettenham merayu supaya Batu Tapak dilantik semula sebagai ketua kampung bagi komuniti orang asli yang tinggal di kawasan tersebut. Oleh itu, nama Setapak diberi, sebagai penghormatan bagi ketua kampung tersebut.

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### **ATTRACTION**

The Titiwangsa Recreational Park is located just south of Setapak. Loke Yew Hill is a place of major historical interest in this town. Named after the Chinese philanthropist, this hill contains ruins of a fortress surrounding the dilapidated villa which belonged to the Loke family. It is also the burial ground for the Loke family.

In 1961 the Zoological society was formed, and the National Zoo of Malaysia (Zoo Negara) in Setapak was officially opened by the Prime Minister on 16th November 1963. The Zoo is situated about 13 kilometers from Kuala Lumpur, en route to Ulu Klang and situated on a 42-acre (17 ha) semi-virgin jungle with a reserve of 100 acres (40 ha) for further development.

Other attractions include the P. Ramlee Memorial located at Taman P. Ramlee (formerly Taman Forlong) and Setapak Hot Springs.

### **TARIKAN**

Taman Rekreasi Titiwangsa terletak di selatan Setapak. Loke Yew Hill ialah tempat bersejarah utama yang menarik di pekan ini. Dinamakan sempena dermawan Cina Wong Loke Yew, bukit ini mengandungi puing-puing kubu yang mengelilingi vila usang yang dimiliki oleh keluarga Loke. Bukit ini juga merupakan tanah perkuburan keluarga Loke.

Pada tahun 1961 persatuan zoologi ditubuhkan, dan Zoo Negara di Setapak dengan rasminya dibuka oleh Perdana Menteri pada 16 November 1963. Zoo tersebut terletak kira-kira 13 kilometer dari Kuala Lumpur, dalam perjalanan menuju ke Ulu Klang dan terletak di atas 42 ekar (17 ha) hutan separa-dara dengan tanah rizab seluas 100 ekar (40 ha) untuk pembangunan lanjut.

Tarikan lain termasuklah Memorial P. Ramlee yang terletak di Taman P. Ramlee (dahulunya Taman Forlong) dan Kolam Air Panas Setapak.



Lake Titiwangsa - The Eye of Malaysia



Lake Titiwangsa



Loke Yew Mansion



P.Ramlee Memorial



P.Ramlee Memorial



P.Ramlee Memorial



National Zoo



National Zoo - The Orang Utan



National Zoo

## OTHER INTERESTING PLACES IN KUALA LUMPUR

### CHOW KIT



Chow Kit is a sub-district in central Kuala Lumpur. It is located around Jalan Chow Kit and is enclosed by the parallel streets of Jalan Raja Laut and Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman. Tunku Abdul Rahman (TAR) is a traditional shopping...

### BANGSAR



Jalan Bangsar was previously known as Sungai Puteh. It was named 'Jalan Bangsar' by Haji Abdullah Hukum, a merchant from Kerinch, Sumatera and a major icon who contributed to the development of Kuala Lumpur in the late 19th century...

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