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Good impression of Penang, KL

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MY FAMILY and I came for a visit from England and wish to give our impression of Penang and Kuala Lumpur.

We spent a wonderful two-week holiday at those two places. My wife and daughter have not been back to Malaysia for some 10 years and the last visit by my daughter was when she was about two.

We stayed at a resort and would like to congratulate the management and staff for making our stay a pleasant one.

The staff should be praised for their hard work and hospitality. We were impressed at the number of times they checked on our rooms to ensure that we had everything we needed.

They did not however intrude into our privacy and were always very polite.

My daughter too was impressed with the wider picture of Penang and she now looks forward to come back for a visit next year.

For my wife and I who had previous knowledge of Penang we were on the whole very happy, but there were certain environmental issues I would like to point out.

I was particularly happy to see that the rubbish dump outside Jalan Anson Market had been removed for good.

During my last visit, it was an eyesore as well as a major health hazard to those living nearby because of the smell, mosquitoes and rats.

So it was very pleasant to notice the change. The number of crows had also been reduced, but I believe that if the big tree standing at the junction of Jalan Anson and Lebuhraya Malacca were to be reduced in size, then the crow population would decrease.

I was also informed that rats were still a menace at certain parts of Penang in particular around the Tanjong Park Satu area.

I am sure the local authorities will take our views into account.

It was also sad to see that certain parts of Penang where matured trees had provided shade and beauty were removed to make way for road widening.

If care is not given to the environment, then there is the danger of Penang becoming a concrete jungle.

Malaysia has progressed enormously and is doing everything within its power to educate the people and to bring them to the IT Age.

Impressive was the New Straits Times "Computimes", the Multimedia Super Corridor and also the very impressive Kuala Lumpur Twin Towers which stand tall to put Malaysia on the world map.

The big positive changes, a credit to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, must now be followed with changes in health and environmental matters, by the local government.