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wide angle

the standard 35mm focal length that cameras have (actually, this refers to film cameras - digital cameras actually require different focal lengths to receive the same picture because the CCD sensor is smaller than the film slot) shoots approximately the same scene that our eyes see; longer focal lengths mean the camera concentrates on a smaller part, whereas wide angle means a larger scene, what a human can see only if he turns his head left right and up down.

my Lumix LX2 already has a wide angle when used in panoramic mode, which covers roughly 3 times the human eye scene



wider than even Nikon with 18mm lens, but I then added a 0.5 extension lens, roughly 4 times the eye scene



so even wider now, though the corners tend to be strange (I was told this has something to do with the Vibration Reduction mechanism though dont understand why.) So back to boat quay



again the corners and the edge are a bit odd, but if some cropping on the sides could be done, the result should be OK



Now if you use an ordinary camera, you can only get the top of the buildings by tilting the camera upward, which would produce the following effect:



so called converging verticals; a very expensive lense called tilt-and-shift would correct this, by moving the scene downward so that the camera aims directly at it rather than at an angle, but I merely shot the scene sideways



and used only the top half. This allows me to include the building tops without tilting, since I aim at the bottom of the buildings which are at the same height as me. As I said if I also remove 10% from left and right, even better. Now a similar upper shot



Now a shot of the big wheel from across the road (your camera from the spot most probably can only get half of the wheel)



esplande looking at merlion



durians together from across road



city from SRC



from suntec corner



high court/parliament:





then central building, clarke quay and the bungy machine; try shooting the scene yourself and you will see how hard it is to get so much into one picture; below is fire station at hill street, from across the road - again most cameras cannot capture the wide front







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