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ABSTRACT

Corporate ethics may bring different meanings to all people but in this research, corporate ethics covered entirely all entities that involved in corporate world. Most of the people might think that the corporate ethics are only for those corporate entities in private organizations. In reality, corporate ethics involved every entity that tends to have connections or relates with corporate world. That is the reason that this research needs to clear the situation.

This research attempts to assess the public perceptions on the practices of corporate ethics in public organizations. This research focuses on the district public organizations in located in Perak. With regards to quite a number of district public organizations, JPJ Ipoh, Perak is selected as a sample. The number of respondents involved in the research is 52 people and consists of those who came to deal directly in the public organization and within the latest 6 months.

Results from the research are not so encouraging since the occurrence of unethical conducts still reported. However, the level of practices of corporate ethics in Malaysia could be said in a satisfactory level as according to the opinions received from the public. Despite of a small
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proportion that declined to the statement due to the issue, it could be said that it is remain under control.

A few recommendations from the study are in term of tightening the supervision and continuous inspections must be done by the officer of higher authority or any officer authorized to perform such actions. The policy and ethics standards with regards to the public organizations in Malaysia are already strict and covered the overall practice as stated in the Code of Conduct under the Public Officers (Conduct and Discipline) Regulations 1993.
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