

CHAPTER 2 : RECORD AS A STRATEGIC BUSINESS

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PRESERVING THE PAST, EMPOWERING THE FUTURE: THE IMPORTANCE OF RECORDS ABIDING BY THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF MALAYSIA



In the bustling city of Kuala Lumpur, tucked away amidst history and culture, stands the National Archives of Malaysia, a custodian of the nation's past. This prestigious institution plays a pivotal role in safeguarding our collective heritage by preserving historical records that encapsulate the essence of Malaysia's journey. Let's us delve into the vital significance of abiding by records at the National Archives and how it shapes our identity and paves the way for a promising future.

Preserving Historical Treasures

The National Archives of Malaysia holds a collection of historical treasures that represent Malaysia's past. These records, including documents, photographs, and artifacts, preserve the memories and experiences of our ancestors. By abiding by records at the National Archives, they are kept authentic, reliable, and accessible for present and future generations. Additionally, the National Archives of Malaysia takes a leading role in governing the management of electronic records in the public sector, from creation to disposition (Shafie, 2007).

Documenting National Identity

Records at the National Archives capture the defining moments that have shaped Malaysia's national identity. They narrate the stories of diverse communities, historical events, and cultural traditions that contribute to our unique heritage. By preserving these records, we safeguard the core of our national identity, fostering a sense of unity and pride among Malaysians of all backgrounds.

Transparency and Accountability

Records abiding at the National Archives serve as a testament to transparency and accountability in governance. Governments are accountable to the people they serve, and a robust record-keeping system ensures that decisions, policies, and actions are documented and open to scrutiny. By adhering to records management practices, we reinforce the principles of good governance and build public trust in our institutions.

Fostering Historical Research and Education

Historical records preserved at the National Archives provide an invaluable resource for researchers, scholars, and students seeking to understand our past. Through these records, we gain insights into our society's evolution, the challenges we have overcome, and the accomplishments we have achieved. By upholding the importance of records, we empower a culture of historical research and continuous learning.