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**[THE FACTOR THAT INFLUENCING THE
COMPREHENSION OF WAQF AMONG
MUAMALAT STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITI
TEKNOLOGI MARA (UiTM) CAWANGAN
KELANTAN]**

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ABSTRACT

Throughout history, waqf had provided for many essential services to society such as health, education and municipal services. There has been renewed interest to revive the institution of waqf and unleash its potential to contribute more significantly towards economic and social development. The study aims to assess the current level of understanding of waqf principles among Muamalat students in Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Kelantan, examine the factors influencing their comprehension of waqf concepts, and propose strategies to enhance the practice of waqf among this student population. The study employs a quantitative approach, utilizing a survey questionnaire to collect data from a sample of Muamalat students in Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Kelantan. The findings indicate that the students have a high level of understanding and a positive perception of waqf. Factors influencing their comprehension include exposure to waqf courses, availability of information, religious beliefs, academic background, and perceptions of waqf's relevance and complexity. The study also highlights the importance of integrating waqf-related courses into the curriculum, providing access to resources, organizing events, and promoting waqf for sustainable development and poverty reduction. Overall, the research underscores the potential of waqf to address contemporary challenges and contribute to sustainable socio-economic development, suggesting that educational and policy frameworks should align with these insights to harness the transformative potential of waqf for societal benefit.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Definition of waqf

According to the Bursa Malaysia (2023) a waqf is typically anything donated for the benefit of the public or for Islamic requirements. Waqf refers to any property that, if its physical resources ('ain) are maintained, the waqif maintains the right to it through transactions, inheritance, hibah, and will. With the goal of using the waqf to become closer to Allah SWT, the benefit of the endowed property is for either general or specialised welfare (as required).

1.2 Research Background

The term "Waqf" or "Habs" in Arabic signifies a concept of holding or stopping, reflecting its foundational role in Islamic socio-economic principles. Technically, waqf entails the legal act of immobilizing a property against any form of disposal that would transfer its ownership, dedicating its benefits perpetually to specified beneficiaries (Syarief, 2021). This charitable endowment model, rooted in Islamic jurisprudence, ensures that the endowed property—be it land, buildings, or funds—remains intact and generates continuous benefits for society. Over centuries, waqf has served as a cornerstone of the Islamic economic system, funding vital public amenities such as education, healthcare, water resources, and religious institutions like mosques and madrasas (Kamarubahrin & Ayedh, 2018).

The Prophet Muhammad underscored the enduring impact of waqf in a hadith narrated by Abu Hurairah, highlighting ongoing charity (sadaqah jariyah) among the deeds that continue to benefit individuals even after their demise (Laluddin et al., 2021). This perpetuity inherent in waqf endowments not only facilitates adaptability to evolving societal needs but also ensures sustained contributions towards community welfare across generations.