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**IMPACT OF ISLAND DEVELOPMENT
TOWARDS RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE
AT PERHENTIAN ISLAND, BESUT,
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ABSTRACT

Development is important to increase resident Quality of Life. The development on island is far behind than mainland significantly led to decrease on Quality of Life (QoL) among island residents. However, to develop an island, proper study on benefit and strategies needs to be study in order to fulfil the needs of island residents. Therefore, the aim of this research is to determine the impact of island development towards resident quality of life at Perhentian Island, Terengganu. In order to achieve the aim of the study, the objectives of this research to identify island development in Perhentian Island, Terengganu, to determine the benefit of island development in Perhentian Island, Terengganu towards resident quality of life and to proposed strategies in improving resident quality of life at Perhentian Island, Terengganu. The research methodology used in this research was quantitative method by using observation method questionnaire method. The respondents of this research are the resident of Perhentian Island. Checklist constructed from literature review was used to analyse observation while Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) version 28.0 was used to analyse the data collected from the questionnaire survey. Observation shows the current development of Perhentian Island. A total of 111 questionnaires were distributed to resident of Perhentian Island, with 71 of them being collected which brought a 64% of the return rate. The results obtained from 71 respondents of contractors indicated that the benefits of development towards residents Quality of Life (QoL) in term of importance, phase, concept and main benefit of development towards residents Quality of Life (QoL). Furthermore, the strategies that have been identified in this research are individual strategy, society strategy, economy strategy and environment strategy. Further study is to suggest the study on why Perhentian Island is not developed as other Island.

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 RESEARCH BACKGORUND

In this modern era, construction has becoming an important industry in Malaysia as it develops the nation's status including the country's economy (Khan, et al, 2014). Ofori (2015) stated that construction industry plays a key role and becomes main income to the economic development and national social. In other words, construction industry is the main industry that is important to nation and can bring many benefits to citizen in the developed area.

Malaysia is known among tourist with beautiful islands. For example, Pangkor Island which is situated in between Perak and Langkawi Island, Kedah that is well developed. Other than that, there is also Perhentian Island that is located in Terengganu, Malaysia that is famous among not only among Malaysians but also tourists from around the globe as a place to enjoy nature. But, even though it is famous, this Island is not as well developed as other famous Island in terms of construction. Reported by Aizat Syarif in Astro Awani, 2013, a Perhentian Island's resident, Ali said "Perhentian Island need to develop as it will ease the society."

Ghani, et al., 2013 said Perhentian Island residents are at low in quality of life (QOL) as they lack on development which make the unemployment rate increases. By 2021, many accommodations like hotel and chalet have been developed due to demands from tourists, but the quality of live for the resident is still not increasing. This paper will go further on to discuss on the construction development in Perhentian Island, Terengganu. The development in Island is not as advance as mainland as there are many factors that can become obstacles for them and for the government