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**AWARENESS OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
TOWARD CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PROFESSIONS**

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ABSTRACT

The construction industry is the biggest sector that contributes to economic growth. As the biggest sector, construction has heavily influenced and encouraging youngster nowadays to get involved in the construction industry. However, almost overall secondary school students are lack of exposure to the professions in the construction industry. Moreover, the construction industry is not popular professions compare than education, applied science, social science, business, law, mathematics professions, etc. Revelation among secondary school students must be done to ensure the development of the construction industry is not only governed by foreign workmanship. The objectives of this research is to identify the level of awareness of secondary school student's towards construction industry professions, to identify factors that contribute to their exposure toward construction industry professions and to recommend the potential activities that can enhance the awareness of the secondary school students on construction industry professions. The study focused on the Perak Tengah District. There are nine (9) main professionals' position and five (5) factors that contribute to their exposure were identified and seven (7) potential activities were determined by reviewing related literature. Then a questionnaire was developed and distributed to secondary school students who completed their "Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia" (SPM). This study adopted accidentally sampling for data collection. The questionnaire was distributed during the expo "Selangkah ke-UiTM" at the open day of Universiti Teknologi MARA Perak Branch. From 100 distributed questionnaires, only 81 have successfully returned to the researcher. The collected data of 81 responses were then analyzed statistically by using descriptive analysis. As a result, most secondary schools' aware to construction industry professions is more to the popularity of the professions such as architects, contractors, quantity surveyor and civil engineer. The results of this study may provide great assistance to the school, teachers, and government in increasing the exposure of students towards the construction industry.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Malaysia's construction industry has been growing since Malaysia was a developed country. The number of construction project in Malaysia has been rise over the year. This also stated by How Yee et. al (2017) the data obtained from Department of Statistic of Malaysia are recorded about 10,000 construction projects in the fourth quarter of 2015 compared in the third quarter of 2014 the construction project is 9,883. The data being prove that construction project increase from 2014 to 2015.

Malaysia starts with 12 steps, each representing a key economic area that contribute towards developing Malaysia by 2020. By the implementation 12 National Key Economic Area (NKEA) indirectly contributing to the increasing of the construction industry in Malaysia. This is because by develop every National Key Economic Area it needs construction sector.

From this scenario, Malaysia required professional bodies to ensure continuity of development country. This is because they are important asset as a key to move towards developing country (Kamro, 2012). Hence, youth are urged to develop their interest towards construction professions this is because it can help the Malaysian's economy growth.

Secondary school student choose their career for many reasons. According to Fizer (2013) the decision made by secondary school student to further their study