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COMPETENCE ON ATTITUDE
OF SUCCESS BUMIPUTERA
ENTREPRENEUR
(SEDC, KUCHING SARAWAK)**

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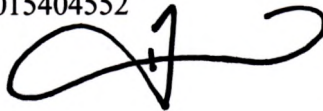
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ABSTRACT

By the coming 2020, the entrepreneurial sector is the most important sector that will have a major impact on Malaysia. And as a growing nation, Malaysia intends to improve the living and economic standards of the population in every place, including in Sabah and Sarawak. In Sarawak, various central and state government agencies have been entrusted to ensure Sarawak's Bumiputera economy is comparable to other races. SEDC is one of the agency that been set up by the Sarawak State Government to assist the local entrepreneur. One of the criteria of a successful person is, to have good attitudes and behaviors. Attitude is one of the prime mover that makes a person successful or not. Attitudes that are always positive and constantly improve their weakness are the key to the development of an entrepreneur's self. That is why one of the criteria of a successful person must have good attitudes and behaviors. Therefore, this study is conducted to find the influence of this entrepreneur competencies to the attitude of successful entrepreneur. The study is aim to answer this main question. Based on survey conducted to to 70 respondents the study disclose that, there is a relationship between skills, goals, and financial management to the attitudes of success entrepreneur. These findings suggest that to be successful Bumiputera entrepreneur should pay more attention, equip and acquired them self with more skills to face the market stiff competitiveness, to have the entrepreneurial mindset and understand the financial management.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship is defined as reaction or behavior, which include attitudes, skills and knowledge related to the business or enterprise that is carried out by an individual. According to the Board Dictionary (New Edition), entrepreneurs are people who work on a company. Joseph A. Schumpeter, an economist, viewed the entrepreneurs as innovators who could contribute ideas and embody those ideas in high growth companies. In addition, according to Tan (1983), quoted from Zafir&Fadhilah (2006), entrepreneurs are individuals who always seize opportunities and are able to identify economic changes, are willing to take risks and possess management techniques and strategies that are in line with the technological changes. An entrepreneur should have vision to grow their business for the prospect of society's prosperity.

Toward the year of 2020, the entrepreneurial sector would be the most important sector, which would have major impact on Malaysia's economy. It will not only serve as a support sector but also to provide foundation and technology to ensure the success of larger companies on the global stage. As a growing nation, Malaysia intends to improve the living and economic standards of her population, including in Sabah and Sarawak. As such, the New Economic Policy (NEP) drafting that was established in 1971 was sealed to ensure that the Bumiputera would be able to compete with other minorities. Since the NEP was established, Malaysia has embarked on various strategies to increase the involvement of the Bumiputera entrepreneurs in certain areas in order to continue to succeed. In this regard, agencies such as the Malaysian Institute of Standards and Research (SIRIM), the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) and Small and Medium Industries Development Corporation (SMIDEC) were established to implement various programs and training to increase the number of successful Bumiputera entrepreneurs' field of entrepreneurship.

In Sarawak, various central and state government agencies have been entrusted to ensure the Bumiputera economy is comparable to other races. The Sarawak State Government has set up an agency that is the backbone of the Sarawak economy, the