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Adapting Public-Private Partnership as Strategic Collaboration Between Government and Philanthropy-Based Autism Spectrum Disorder Centre

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Abstract: The need for advance for the development of low-cost Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) centre projects which include all required programs by ASD populations, is a crucial component of the growth equation. It is between parents with typically developing (TD) children and parents with ASD children who are stressed due to financial issues. However, the government's budget limit to spend on these big investment projects despite the worldwide economic recovery is slowing down caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing cost of living. These basic well-being needs should maintain the proper direction of growth like the demographic growth to satisfy the ASD population's demand. *Public-Private* Partnership (PPP) has been an area of interest as a new tool for supporting public service provision. PPP has been used worldwide in delivering public sector projects, including in Malaysia. Its implementation has proven to provide many benefits to the Government and the public as a whole. Therefore, this study aims to enhance the partnership between the public and private sectors so that they can play an important role by collaborating with the Government to create partnerships in searching for enough sources. The conclusion of this study indicated that there are many established ASD centres used for philanthropy funding worldwide, including Malaysia. However, there is still the need to establish an ASD one-stop centre to complete all ASD needs and requirements at a lower cost. This study recommended a Public–Private Partnership (PPP) between Government and ASD centre as the private sector with the collaborations of philanthropic institutions such as not-for-profit or religious institutions. The partnership from multi sectors is important to achieve the social indicator goal in ensuring ultimate development for the Government and the public.

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