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ABSTRACT

The term “Biar mati anak, jangan mati adat’ or (You may afford to lose your child but not your culture) is synonym with the followers of the custom in Negeri Sembilan. The Perpatih custom, also known as ‘Nasab Ibu’ system or Matrilineal System, is being used by most of the Malay community in Negeri Sembilan. Its scope covers the areas like politics, economy, social, moral, material, spiritual and culture of a community. The main objective of the research is to understand the purpose ‘Tanah Adat’ in Negeri Sembilan, to identify the development process with special concern on ‘Tanah Adat’ in Negeri Sembilan and to compare between State Land and ‘Tanah Adat’ in Negeri Sembilan. The land, inherited to different generations tends to be a huge problem when it comes to the matter of law. To develop it is a one tricky play of laws and regulations. Questionnaire was sent out to the society in Negeri Sembilan, total of 30 respondents were received representing 30% of the questionnaire forms distributed. Perpatih custom had determined the importance between what should be remained and what should be changed. The Perpatih custom remained but it keeps changing. So as the world itself, it may remain until ‘Kiamat’ but it keeps changing.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

'Tanah Adat' or customary land in Negeri Sembilan is famous for its unique traditional culture that being triggers by its own Custom Law called 'Adat Perpatih'.

The term "Biar mati anak, jangan mati adat' or (You may afford to lose your child but not your culture) is synonym with the followers of the custom in Negeri Sembilan. The characteristics of this amazing custom, especially at its system of inheritance allocation through the female member of a family made Negeri Sembilan different from other states in Malaysia when it comes the matter of social operations system used. *(Professor Khoo Kay Kim, Jabatan Sejarah Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur)*

In Negeri Sembilan there are lands under term 'Land inheritance by custom' and its member is small and limited and it never increased. It has been passed from generation to generations of female member of the followers and so far the land has no meaning to citizens of Negeri Sembilan because it cannot be develop into some commercial projects.