# FACTOR THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF ZAKAT IN PUSAT ZAKAT KLUANG, JOHOR

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## ABSTRACT

Zakat means grow (in goodness) or 'increase', 'purifying' or 'making pure'. So the act of giving zakat means purifying one's wealth to gain Allah's blessing to make it grow in goodness. The decision to distribute the zakat to the public and when to distribute them may be influence by many factors, both internal and external. This paper empirically analyzes the determinants of the factors that contribute to the decision of the Zakat centre in Kluang, Johor to distribute it. The paper will concentrated on the data issued from June 2008 to September 2009. The study will be used time-series regression method to see the relationships between dependent and independent variables. The total distribution of Zakat will be used as dependent variable and the number of zakat's application, number of poor people, and number of poverty family will be used as independent variables.

#### CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

### 1.0 HISTORY OF ZAKAT

Zakat is one of five pillars of Islam. It is one of the fundamental obligations in Islam. Its principal objectives are to develop balanced socio-economic growth and to purify one's soul and wealth. A type of zakat is zakat on business. Muslims believe that zakat has a direct impact on the relationship between not only man and Allah SWT (God) as The Creator but also man and his society. Prayer and zakat go together.

Zakāh or "alms giving", one of the Five Pillars of Islam, is the giving of a small percentage of one's possessions (surplus wealth) to charity generally to poor and needy Muslims individual. It is often compared to the system of tithing and alms, but it serves principally as the welfare contribution to poor and deprived Muslims, although others may have a rightful share. It is the duty of an Islamic community not just to collect zakat but to distribute it fairly as well.

Zakat is sometimes refers as sadaqah and its plural, sadaqat. Generally the Sharing of wealth is called zakat whereas the sadqat could be sharing of wealth as well sharing of happiness among God's creation such as saying kind words or smile at someone or take care of animals or environments etc.