



**DETERMINANTS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH  
IN MALAYSIA**

**SITI KHADIJAH BINTI MD NOOR  
2011383519**

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
(HONS) FINANCE  
FACULTY OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA  
JOHOR.**

**DECEMBER 2014**

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.....	viii
ABSTRACT.....	ix
CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION.....	1
1.1    INTRODUCTION.....	1
1.2    BACKGROUND OF STUDY .....	2
1.3    PROBLEM STATEMENTS.....	4
1.4    RESEARCH QUESTIONS .....	6
1.4.1 Main Research Question.....	6
1.4.2 Specific Research Question .....	6
1.5    RESEARCH OBJECTIVES.....	6
1.5.1 Main Research Objectives .....	6
1.5.2. Specific Research Objectives.....	7
1.6    SIGNIFICANCE OF STUDY .....	7
1.6.1 The Researcher.....	7
1.6.2 The Government .....	7
1.6.3 The Public.....	8
1.7    LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY .....	8
1.7.1 Time constraint and duration of the study .....	8
1.7.2 Lack of Experience.....	9
1.8    DEFINITION OF TERM .....	9
1.8.1 Foreign Direct Investment .....	9
1.8.1 Household Consumption .....	9
1.8.2. Government Expenditure.....	10
1.8.4 Exports of Goods and Services .....	10
1.9    SUMMARY.....	11
CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW .....	12
2.1    INTRODUCTION.....	12
2.2    MALAYSIA ECONOMY .....	12
2.3    COMPARISON OF ECONOMY (SINGAPORE AND THAILAND) .....	13

2.3.1 Economy of Singapore .....	13
2.3.2 Economy of Thailand .....	14
2.4 FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT.....	15
2.4.1 Relationship between Foreign Direct Investment and GDP in Malaysia .....	15
2.5 HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION .....	18
2.5.1 Relationship between Household Consumption and GDP in Malaysia .....	19
2.6 Government Expenditure.....	20
2.7 EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES .....	22
2.7.1 Relationship between Export of Goods and Services and GDP in Malaysia.....	22
2.8 SUMMARY.....	25
CHAPTER THREE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY .....	26
3.1 INTRODUCTION.....	26
3.2 DATA COLLECTION.....	26
3.2.1 Electronic sources.....	26
3.2.2 Journals and articles .....	27
3.2.3 Internet.....	27
3.3 VARIABLES.....	27
3.3.1 Dependent Variable .....	27
3.3.2 Independent Variable.....	28
3.4 RESEARCH DESIGN .....	28
3.4.1 Purpose of Study .....	28
3.4.2 Type of Investigation.....	29
3.4.3 Research Interference .....	29
3.4.4 Study Setting.....	29
3.4.5 Unit of Analysis.....	29
3.4.6 Time Horizon .....	29
3.5 RESEARCH FRAMEWORK AND HYPOTHESIS .....	30
3.5.1 Theoretical Framework.....	30
3.5.2 Hypothesis.....	30
3.6 SAMPLING DESIGN.....	32
3.6.1 Target Population- Gross Domestic Product .....	32

---

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I am very grateful to be able to prepare this research successfully. I would never have been able to finish research without the guidance from the lecturer, help from friends and support from our family. I am thankful to Allah for answering my prayers for giving me strength plod on despitess my constitution wanting to give up and throw in the towel.

I would like to express my highest appreciation and thankfulness to my advisor, Prof. Madya Noor Izah binti Ismail and Prof. Madya Shukri bin Shamsuddin for their excellent guidance, caring, patience and providing me with an excellent atmosphere during my research.

Big thank to my JBM 222 6A members who always shared opinions and experience with me. I also would like to acknowledge to the parties that helping me in preparing this research either directly or indirectly.

Last but not least, special thank for my parents and family who always support and advices. Without their encouragement, I would not have to finish this research paper.

Siti Khadijah binti Md Noor

2011383519

## **ABSTRACT**

The changes in Gross Domestic Products in Malaysia have attracted our attention and it is believed to be the most studied construct in finance. Gross Domestic Products is one of the key indicators of the economic stability. The GDP growth rate is the most important indicator of economic health. The GDP in Malaysia are kept fluctuated most of it was affected by several factors. Therefore, in this study we try to determine the factors that effecting economic growth (via Gross Domestic Products) in Malaysia. The objectives of this study are to measure the factors that affect gross domestic product in Malaysia and to identify the most important factors listed above such as household consumption, government expenditures, foreign direct investments, and exports of goods and services. This study required to balance the economic stability within the region so that the country does not have to experiences a financial problem.