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1.0 INTRODUCTION

"Development is a big yet persuasive word in nature, adopted by the ruling party during election campaigns ever since independence. The development which the government brought about seems to be a basis of performance evaluation and a deciding factor in ensuring the ruling party's continued existence when the next election comes".

The above statement is, undoubtedly, not a hundred percent correct and may only be applicable to developing countries such as Malaysia. It is, however, not important to check the validity of the statement but rather to highlight the importance ~~that~~ development projected in ensuring the continuity of peace and prosperity currently enjoyed by the Malaysians.

Every single cent spent on development projects comes from the people themselves by way of ^{laws} taxes imposed under approved legislation. It has long been accepted that the amount of money so collected be vested in Government's fund. The government would, in return, ensure the prudent application of the money so as maximum returns are reaped. Here lies the mutual trust between the government and the people.