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ABSTRACT

Quick Response (QR) Code-based information retrieval has been used widely nowadays, regardless in any fields, as one of the methods to reduce the usage of paper. Currently, Taman Botani Shah Alam is using laminated paper-based plant information as a plant signage. This plant information is very limited in term of information richness and durability since it is made from an A4 paper. Therefore, a QR codes should be replaced the current laminated A4 plant information, as this technology is very flexible and can lead the users for richer information. The Taman Botani's administrator needs to generate the QR code based on the plant information in the system. This QR code will be a new plant signage. Whereas, the user or visitor will use any QR code scanner to scan the QR code and the plant information will be displayed on the phone. More information can be retrieved from the server, if needed by the visitor. The development of the system needs MySQL as a platform to store all the plant information, 000webshost for the website management. The system has been successfully developed, and it is hoped to be implemented in Taman Botani Shah Alam one day.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter fundamentally sets the background for the research, portraying the role of an introduction to the study. It also provides an overview of the following points of the chapter such as the project background, problems statements, the objectives of the project, the scopes and the significance of the project.

1.1 BACKGROUND STUDY

A botanical garden or botanic garden is a garden with the aim to collect, cultivate, preserve and display the plants labelled with their botanical names. Specialist plant collections such as cacti, as well as herbs garden is normally available in the botanical garden. Shade house and greenhouses, with special collections like alpine plants, tropical plants or other exotic plants also can be found in a botanical garden. The services provided at a botanical garden may include tours, educational displays and other entertainments.

Hyvärinen (2014) defines the plants in a botanic garden are not there just to look pretty on display but they come with information that visible in the form of labels. In certain botanical garden, Peter (2018) state that they use two types of labels for plant tagging where the first is a very small, rectangular label known as an accession tag that includes both the botanical name of the plant as well as the accession number, providing the essential link of the plant to the database and the second the type is a larger display label that used to convey information to the public. In addition to them Hyvärinen (2014) said that a botanic garden maintains a database of information on when and from where each plant accession was acquired, as well as plenty of other data on each accession. The plants are identified carefully and also the nomenclature is scientific. All herb plantations are mapped, their condition is monitored, and every one changes frequently recorded in the database.