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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

A daily night market is a grouping of temporary outdoor stalls operated seven days in a week by petty traders where products are display for sale. The daily night market popularity steamed from the convenience they provided for the local residents to do shopping for their household needs within their residential areas. Thus, they provided an alternative shopping option. Additionally, the daily night markets came with their friendly and relaxed atmosphere for the visitors. Furthermore, daily night market allowed the visitors to enjoy the diverse environment with the wide choices of clothes, freshly cooked food, services, electronic and household items, and accessories at affordable prices.

The interactions and mingling of local residents from various ethnic backgrounds could further strengthen community spirits and solidarity. Visiting the daily night market had become a popular leisure activity for the locals. The factors that contributed to repeat visitations is it atmosphere, the sight, smell, the sound, and the food. They would stroll from one end of the daily night market to the other end, spent time looking over the goods, greeted some friends along the way, acknowledged the traders, asked for the prices of products, bargained for some discounts, and they may choose to buy or just walked on.

Waste management in the country has become one of the government's responsibilities. However, in recent year the growing problem of waste disposal worries many parties. This is because health or social problems in a community can create serious problems if wastes not properly managed. Part of the problem is that Malaysia currently does not have appropriate laws and that management of waste and enforcement of waste management laws required involvement of at least 11 different governmental ministries.

Each day Malaysians produce about 19,000 tonnes of garbage (2,100 tonnes in KL). (Mc Ginley, 2010). Right now, the trash is disposed of in 176 garbage dumps. However, "illegal dumping" is common. Of these active dumps, only eight are "sanitary

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landfills" that have been designed with modern pollution control features. The rest are open dumpsites whose locations were not chosen for environmental reasons, but rather because they were convenient places to dump trash (Kamarudin, 2012).

There are several methods used in waste management. One of the methods use is the former garbage collection method. Previously, when the solid wastes were manage directly by City Hall; at times, the job was carry out by ill equipped, under trained and understaffed individual private contractors who covered fragmented collection areas in Federal Territory. Another method is operational efficiency. Under the privatization scheme, those contractors now have been place under the management umbrella of Alam Flora Sdn Bhd. The company trains the contractors and provides them with modern technology to enable them to carry out their work professionally. After that are service fees. With privatization, householders and commercial property owners now have to pay a separate fee for solid waste collection. However, after one year of operation, the fees to be charge by the company had still not been settling. Then, waste disposal sites. Like many other cities all over the world, land is scarce in Kuala Lumpur and the landfill method is increasingly becoming an unacceptable option (Bangkok, 1999).

Therefore, this study aims to know the effectiveness of waste management in daily night market. The findings expected to provide good waste management in daily night market. Furthermore, these studies are to produce good condition and environment to community by knowing the problems and make recommendations.