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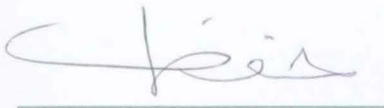


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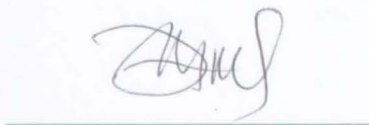
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## CHAPTER 1

### 1.1 Introduction

Basically, Islam comes with the two divisions of pillars and fundamental of Islam which are the Islamic pillars and the pillars of faith. Zakat is one of the Islamic fundamental which had been described in holy Quran, for example in surah al baqarah: verse 43 “And establish prayer and give zakah and bow with those who bow [in worship and obedience]”. (Noble Quran)

Moreover, zakat can be described through (Qardahawi, 2000) means to growth and increase. Furthermore, zakat also can be viewed in three distinct connotations which are based on linguistically, theologically and legally. Based on linguistically, zakat can be defined as purification or cleansing of something from filth. Whereas, based on theologically view it means the spiritual purification resulting from giving of zakat and for legally it be described transferring of the ownership of specific individuals based on the specific conditions. Thus, it show that every single Muslims have an obligation to perform that kind of the pillar which using the principle of the welfare that determine every of human especially Muslims need to give a specific amount of the wealth that they have based on the calculation following the certain requirements and conditions to the eligible parties or beneficiaries as the responsible the servants of Almighty god, Allah (fi sabilillah) which called in Arabic term was (al-mustahiqqin) that the main objective was the achievement of socio-economic justice (Muhammad, 1980).

Zakat is one of the alternative and initiative from the government that can be used for social aid in order to eradicate poverty especially in Malaysia because the rate of poverty in Malaysia haven't solving, according to Department of Statistics in Malaysia, poverty



rate in this country was at 1.7% on 2012 while the estimation on 2015 prime minister Dato' Seri Najib Tun Abdul Razak under his plan estimate that Malaysia has zero rate of poverty, although it's not easy on its implementation. Despite on that, zakat will be one of the methods or initiatives that to achieve socio-economic justice. Hence, this research objective basically will highlight about the problems that are occurring in zakat distribution especially in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

According to (Smith, 1992), initially, therefore, he also described that correlation between the efficiency and effectiveness in the organization status. Thus, in the context of zakat, our research is more on problems that occur in zakat distribution. Basically the problem that we must identify in order to keep the efficiency and effectiveness of zakat distribution can be done. As we can see, efficiency is basically comes from the top and it might have wider view by perceiving by managerial process once it has been designed and planned. Therefore, effectiveness is most important but efficiency more about constantly strives for doing the right actions, if we observe in the context of zakat, zakat distribution is like a shadow behind the mirror because it seems like everyone try to argue about the distribution because they are the zakat payers. Despite on that, there must be a problem behind it to be identified in order for zakat enhancing the social welfare such as in eradication of poverty status whilst taking consideration based on what had already stated by the god, Allah by the requirement of shari'ah. Due to that, zakat institution is one of the most important institutions in our country, Malaysia, thus it needs to be more highlighted as a crucial studies for ensuring the achievement on social justice in order to eradicate poverty especially in Sabah. This study will be looked into the deep on what the problems occur in zakat institution in plays their roles for socio-economic justice.