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**HOMESTAY AS A POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL
AREA, KAIDUAN KINARUT, PAPAR**

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ABSTRACT

The factors such as economic, income and the rural community empowerment in decision making reflect as a medium in Homestay that gives effects to the local people in Kaiduan, Kinarut. The successful of development depend on local people acceptance toward accepting the benefit in the future. The study refers to the local people perception towards Homestay as a potential development from the factors such as economic, income and the rural community empowerment in decision making in Kaiduan, Kinarut. The study is mutually based on the perception of the local people from Kampung Kaiduan Kinarut, Papar on the potential of development. The local people also believe that with Homestay as a potential development in the rural area of Kaiduan it will help increase the local people opportunities in their economic factors. The culture and the lifestyle of the local people is the limitation that becomes the barriers to the development in Homestay.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Homestay Programs have been established in Sabah since the early 1990s, as either economic development initiatives of government agencies or local tour & travel companies. Most recently Homestay Programs have been started by individuals or community groups in various locations throughout the State of Sabah. By definition, in Sabah, homestay programs are meant to be a community (village based) initiative, and are meant to involve more than one household. In fact a minimum of 10 host families in a respective community (or village) are required before the group is eligible to register as a Homestay Program. There are; however, private businesses that use the wording "homestay" in their company name, but these places are simply private "lodging houses" and should not be confused with the strict definition and concept of "homestay" as defined by the Malaysian Ministry of Tourism.

There are two main reasons that Homestay Programs are meant to be community initiatives: Firstly, because cultural oriented visitation in villages, in Sabah, is very difficult to separate itself from the rest of the community, and often involves more than one family, and many aspects of a community or cultural entity. For example in a traditional context, visitors to a village should at least pay their respect to the village heads. Basically