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HOUSING POLICIES IN KOTA KINABALU

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## **ABSTRACT**

The soaring prices of houses in these few years has attracted and forced inhabitants of Kota Kinabalu city to voice out their dissatisfactions over this matter. Inadequacy of affordable housing they claimed, are one of the many problems that needed to be settled by the government from both Federal level and also from State level. Thus, in the effort of not demonizing the governments' image and helping to solve this matter, a research on the public opinion towards the Government Housing Policies was conducted. The extent of the public opinions will be assessed in this study with the help of 147 samples.

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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Introduction

Affordable housing is one of the modernized concepts of basic human rights where it defined by United Nation as somewhere that is safe and secured, where people can live in peace and with dignity. However, the definition for this term varies according to different people and organizations. To the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in Malaysia, affordable housing is houses that are affordable to be owned by the society and the price of the houses varies to different groups that earn different income categories which are determined by the government.

On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011, (BERNAMA, 2011) Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak launched phase one of the 1Malaysia Housing Program (PR1MA) which sees the construction of houses at Selangor. This is one of the initiatives taken by the government based on its housing policies in tackling the problem of inadequacy of affordable home nationwide in our country. As a developing country that has increasing population, affordable housing for its inhabitant especially those who dwell in urban areas has been one of the main issue repeatedly voiced out by concerned leaders and parties as it directly has big impact on the wellbeing of the public. This prompted the governments to come up with more housing policies initiatives to address the inadequacy of affordable houses within the country.



or even Federal agencies such as the Ministry of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government and also the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development.

## **1.2 Problem Statement**

Affordable housing for low income group in Sabah has been one of the main issues that that were acknowledged by the State government and the Federal government. Although there has been many housing policies done by both governments to deal with this problem, the progress to keep up with the intended results has yet to be seen.

The fact that Sabah is still scored the highest poverty rate in our nation despite of the efforts and initiatives done by the government is a testament that there are more rooms for improvement in the formulation of strategies and policies to improve the quality of life of urban dwellers. This is directly referring on improving the basic needs of the dwellers especially in Kota Kinabalu as this city is the heart of Sabah's administration and economic activities such as trading and commerce. Therefore, it is imperative for us to remember that one of the aspects of a dynamic and vibrant city is to have enough living quarters for its inhabitant. In the case of Kota Kinabalu, it is the affordable houses for the public to own.

According to Dato Abdul Rahman Dahlan (Ivan, 2013 ) , Sabah has the second highest price for houses in the country. He claimed that this is due to the trend of developers are more interested to build high-end housing projects because of the lucrative profit it offers. This directly results in the inability of urban dwellers in major cities in Sabah to own houses. In the recent announcement of the government to cut oil subsidies