



# **THE AWARENESS OF ISLAMIC INHERITANCE**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Whenever a person dies, the asset of the deceased will be distributed to the person entitles to it. This situation has embarked the development of wealth management with the aims to manage the distribution. Islamic Law of Inheritance becomes the major guidance on wealth distribution for Muslims since it is parallel with the objective of Islam that is to ensure equality. It has been implemented in various countries including Malaysia. Referring to this, a study of Islamic Law of Inheritance is conducted with the objective to measure the level of awareness among Muslim community regarding the Islamic inheritance. Primary data is collected by distributing the questionnaires to the sample consist of 100 respondents that selected randomly within the area of Kuala Lumpur in order to collect the information needed in the study. It is expected that the level of awareness among Muslim community regarding Islamic inheritance is between the ranges of low to medium level.

# CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

This paper is about the research on the awareness level among society in Malaysia regarding the Islamic Law of Inheritance. Islam is an official religion in Malaysia and therefore, there are certain differences in terms of legal implementation. The Islamic Law of Inheritance is one of it and it is applicable on Muslims, while for non-Muslims, the Law of Inheritance is being used.

## 1.1 BACKGROUND

*Narrated By Jabir bin Abdullah: I became sick so Allah's Apostle and Abu Bakr came on foot to pay me a visit. When they came, I was unconscious. Allah's Apostle performed ablution and he poured over me the water (of his ablution) and I came to my senses and said, "O Allah's Apostle! What shall I do regarding my property? How shall I distribute it?" The Prophet did not reply till the Divine Verses of inheritance were revealed.*

*Sahih Bukhari Book 80. Laws of Inheritance (Al-Faraa'id)*

Distribution of estates is synonymous to inheritance and it takes place when living person's right fully acquires the dead person's property (Ismael.I.S, 2011). Referring to that, Islamic Law of Inheritance is created and become one of the laws implemented to the Muslims communities. The concept of Islamic Law of Inheritance is being practicing from the very beginning of the world (Bulbul.A, 2013) and becomes the major guide worldwide in distributing the asset of the death to the legal beneficiaries. It is based from the divine revelation that is, Quran as stated in the hadith above and also the other legal sources such as hadith, ijma, and others. These are among the verses in Quran which emphasize on the inheritance:-