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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Background of The Study

Financial difficulties are the money problem that can cause stress to the people. Its also can cause many problems to the people. Many people are facing hard financial time especially the college student. Mostly, the non-resident students are facing the financial difficulties during their study period. Non-resident student is a student of a college or university who lives outside the area of a college or university for a set period of time. In other word, the non-resident student is the students who stay outside the campus during their study time. Usually, the non-resident student are the students who renting a house outside the campus.

Nowadays, due to the economic problem, most of the students rely on loan to further their studies. They rely on loan to get them through college because their family unable to afford to pay the education fees for their children to further the study. For example, many students get a loan from Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi Nasional (PTPTN) to further their studies. This will cause the student to accumulate debts before they enter into a working environment.

According to Gladieux (1997), the students are borrowing more, working less, and finishing college with greater indebtedness. If the students have many debts before they start working, it will affect their monthly income because they have to pay the debts every month. Financial difficulties are a common problem that face by the students, especially for the non-resident students. Due to the financial problem that face by them, the students who live off campus tended to eat instant noodles or skipping their meals to save money, since the food was not provided with their housing (Masud.J, 2004).

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.0 Introduction

This chapter provides a review of the literature on the factors contribute to financial difficulties among the non-resident students. Section 2.1 explain the factors contribute to financial difficulties among the non-resident students. Section 2.1.1 discuss on cost of living as one of the factor of financial difficulties. Section 2.1.2 discuss on family background that impact financial difficulties of the non-resident student. Section 2.1.3 discuss on lack of financial management knowledge of the student. Section 2.1.4 discuss on transportation faced by non-resident student. Section 2.2 explaining the demographic factor which focusing on gender. Section 2.3 explains on the financial difficulties among the non-resident student. 2.4 provide the conceptual framework.

2.1 The Factors Contribute to Financial Difficulties

2.1.1 Cost of Living

As said by Curtis and Klapper, (2005), living cost is a major expenditure among the university students. The non-resident students are most affected by the cost of living compare to the students who live in the campus. The cost of living becomes the major factor that contributes to the financial difficulties among the students especially those who live outside the campus as they have to cope with the high living standard. The costs are divided into two categories that are essential and non-essential costs. The essential costs including personal expenditure on personal computer or books and tuition fee. Meanwhile, non-essential costs including food, entertainment,