



MUSLIM PERCEPTION TOWARDS WAQF

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research is to investigate the relationship between the knowledge Waqf, benefits of Waqf, promotion of Waqf and socio-cultural disposition of Waqf towards Muslim perception towards Waqf in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. Also, this research aims to identify which of the independent variables provide a significant impact towards the perception of Waqf. A sample of 154 were collected and analyzed. The findings revealed that there is a significant relationship between the knowledge of Waqf, benefits of Waqf, promotion of Waqf and socio-cultural disposition with the Muslim perception towards Waqf in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah respectively. It is also concluded that the socio-cultural disposition has the biggest influence towards the Muslim perception towards Waqf in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. In addition, recommendations are also suggested and discussed.

Keywords: Waqf, Muslim Perception, Kota Kinabalu

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 PREAMBLE

The first chapter will be an introductory part of the research. This chapter consist of several subtopics namely, background of study, research problem, research objectives, scope of study, significance of study, limitations of the study, and also the definitions of the important terms that are used throughout the research discussion. This chapter plays the role in giving the readers fundamental information on the topic, and hopefully will allow the reader to have a better understanding on the study.

1.2 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Waqf is an important element in Islamic economy, but it always been associated with or similarly thought as the same as Sadaqah. Waqf plays a dynamic role to promote economic growth, education and social transformation especially within the Islamic Society (N.S Ab Fatah, 2017). Waqf (singular of Awqaf) is one of the key institutions in the Islamic religion. It is a continuous charitable act for the sake of God and augmented by the prevailing spirit of altruism, which forms an integral part of the Islamic way of life (Khan, 2014). Socioeconomically, Waqf institutions across the Islamic world played a distinctive role in the areas of social and economic infrastructures, reducing the burden of tax, amending poverty and income inequality, boosting economic growth. This is the reason why Waqf is important and the concept behind it have to be understood by every Muslim in the world. The Waqf practice have seen in activity in Malaysia.

As for the study, Kota Kinabalu which is located in Sabah, Malaysia is chosen as the practice of Waqf in Malaysia have seen an increase in attention not only from an individual level, but also corporate and governmental level. A study by Kamaruddin et al, (2018) stated that there has been an increased public interest in waqf institution transparency and accountability. The public has continued to demand the best standard of services and greater transparency from waqf institutions.