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Abstract

University Technology Mara is one of the world recognized university where it consist of all bumiputera students. In order to uphold the bumiputera status in achieving success in term o education, UiTM has provided hostel and the Non Residents for the students welfare. Somehow, in our study, we wanted to know the comparison between these 2 choices that offered by the UiTM students and what are the result from these comparison. Whether students prefer the hostel or rent outside of campus. Questionnaire distribute to a random sample of 200 respondents from UiTM Samarahan. The objective of this study is to look into problems faced by the students in applying for hostel and renting outside campus. It seems that students have difficulties in dealing with the UiTM college staff because they doesn't have a suitable time. The second objective is to obtain as much recommendation from the respondents to improve the UiTM college unit so that they could upgrade the maintenance of facilities and effective management in the future. This study is also determines the relationship between the cooperation between UiTM college department and UiTM management.

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Chapter 1

1.1. Introduction.

UiTM firstly was established in 1956 under the idea of Dato' Onn Jaafar where it was known as Dewan Latihan RIDA . The Dewan Latihan RIDA then was changed to Maktab MARA on 1965 and it has been changed to Institut Teknologi MARA on the 1967. On the 26th August 1999, the former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad announced the change of name of ITM to Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). UiTM is a short name for University of Mara Technology where all of the students are mostly the bumiputera's. It is the only university in Malaysia that helping out the bumiputera's success in term of education as well as success in their life. Its main campus located in Shah Alam and its branch located in all states in Malaysia. In this research proposal, we are studying the comparison between renting and hostel among students in UiTM Sarawak. As we all know, Uitm provide several of facilities to make student easier to access with the management units such as communication via internet and intranet. Other facilities such as gym, bus, and even college was also provided to help the students who came from other region or states which some of them may not afford to renting and to save their financial. Some of the students may come from the middle class citizens, so the facility which was provided by the UiTM was very important to them in order to reach their graduation. In this study, we are focusing on what are the factors that lead some of the student prefers to rent instead of staying in the UiTM Sarawak hostel.

Referring to the UiTM's policy, it is permitted for a student to stay outside when it is registered as a Non- Resident status. (NR). These Non-Resident statuses being implement for the welfare of the student in case if there is an emergency cases or to prevent Muslim student staying together with female student as it is prohibited in Islam. Other factors that lead to the existence of NR is to keep the students up to date with the University activity which is the participation in University activities will makes them easier to get a job after their graduation by having a University certificates.

Meanwhile, for resident students, the hostel management has provided them with various types of facilities including the monthly food allowance.

Chapter 2

2.1. Introduction.

The definition of hostel was defined by Amrith Nath Misra (1994), “Hostel is a place where students come from to reside for study purpose”. Formal education is imparted to the students in the school colleges or universities but in a hostel, the students stay at night to take rest even during day hours when they do not have classes and prepare for their course or conducting their personal reading. Every hostel provides recreational facilities such as bathroom, fan, bed, table, study room, sport recreational and study library. This was provided in order to encourage students to balance their participation in study and sport. Hostel not only cares for the health of the students but also their studies. There is a reading room and library attached to the hostel to enable the students to study books, news papers and computer internet.

Hostel life is very interesting to the students as well. They learn to speak fluently with others and are able to understand their friends from other different cultures. They also acquire good manners and learn how to behave in society. A hosteller is free from family worries; he can concentrate on his studies. He can also take part in social and extra-curricular activities. He learns a number of things from his senior students living in the same hostel. For example getting involved in sport, rules of dorm, participate in hostel activities and others.

Despite these disadvantages, hostel life provides ample scope to students to develop on the right lines and grow up as good citizens in due course of time, provided the authorities can manage and control their activities constructively.

As a hostler is not under the care of his family, students will develop a sense of independence and self-reliance. Students are not under the supervisory attention which a mother always tries to give to the child (Chickery, 1972). They are in the educational environment where their mind gets disciplined and cultivated in an intellectual direction. Students will also be able to enjoy sport and healthy activities that are provided by the UiTM. Other than that, they also can form the habit of co-operation with friends, and learn the art of cultivating working and behavior.

However, some students prefer to stay outside instead of living in hostel life. For those who do not stay in hostel is known as day scholars or commuters. (Amrith Nath Misra, 1994). Renting a house or staying out of campus are very enjoyable things. It is because; students can do anything they wanted to do. They can rent either in group or alone. It depends on the individuals whether he or she wanted to be alone or with their friends. Different than living in hostel, they only have a