Sustainable Development: Challenges for Malaysian Local Governments

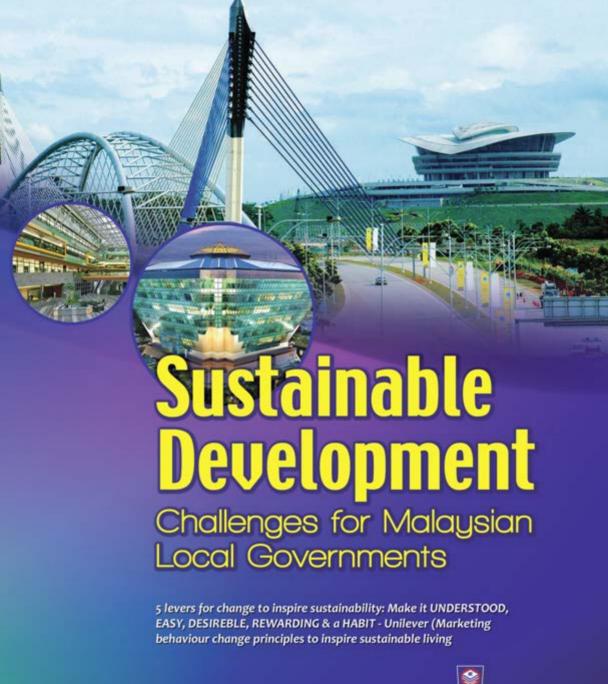**Author:**
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Abstract: Local Governments today faced with a very demanding and dynamic situation in development agenda. They are now experiencing continuous challenges in term of implementing of sustainable development as in the environmental, economical and social aspect. Over the past decade, those aspects are discussed comprehensively and nowadays, as a result of this development, the interests in sustainable development are increasing. This book focuses on the issues of knowledge transfer practices towards sustainable development in Malaysia's Local Governments. The book is published because the lack of books that revolve around issues of knowledge transfer practices towards sustainable development and Malaysian Local Governments. This book aims among students majoring in construction management in higher education in Malaysia. The word sustainable development and Malaysian Local Governments are chosen as the title of this book is to emphasize those issues and hopefully can increase awareness among Malaysian.

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PREFACE

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Abbreviation

CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
GBI	Green Building Index
LA21	Local Agenda 21
LASD	Local Authorities for Sustainable Development
MHLG	Ministry of Housing and Local Governments
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
RM	Ringgit Malaysia
SD	Sustainable Development
SPSS	Statistical Package for Social Sciences
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UN	United Nations
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UK	United Kigdom

CHAPTER 1

In a few decades, the relationship between the environment, resources and conflict may seem almost as obvious as the connection we see today between human rights, democracy and peace - Wangari Maathai (1940 - 2011), environmental activist, first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004

INTRODUCTION

1.1   Introduction

This chapter presents the sustainable development concept, knowledge transfer practices' definition and the introduction of Malaysian Local Governments. It introduces a brief introduction for this book. The discussion is on the definition surrounding the area upon which this book is based. It begins with a brief discussion of the surrounding topic area and the associated perspectives.

1.2   Sustainable Development

Bruntland's definition of sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Accordingly, when it comes to management-related activities, an international approach to achieving sustainable consumption patterns are

CHAPTER 2

The future belongs to those who prepare for it today - Malcolm X

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

2.1   Introduction

This chapter discusses the views of the literature relevant to sustainable development. It explores the matter related to sustainable development, knowledge transfer practices and Local Governments. It begins with a brief discussion of standpoint surrounding the associated ideas of sustainable development and from various perspectives. Accordingly, this chapter presents the sustainable development concept and definition and further discussion in relation to knowledge transfer practices at the Local Governments.

2.2   Sustainable Development

Since the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio, when Agenda 21 was formulated as the international blueprint for sustainable development, all sectors of society have been in the process

CHAPTER 3

"Knowledge can mean information, awareness, knowing, cognition, sapience, cognizance, science, experience, skill, insight, competence,know-how, practical ability, capability, learning, wisdom, certainty, and so on. The definition depends on the context in which the term is used."
–Karl-Erik Sveiby, The New Organizational Wealth

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER PRACTICES

3.1   Introduction

This chapter discusses the views of the literature with regards to knowledge transfer practices. The discussion is on the consideration surrounding the   area upon which this book is based. It begins with a brief discussion on knowledge transfer practices and the associated perspectives. Accordingly, this chapter disclose the knowledge transfer practices' definition and further discussion in relation to Local Governments' practices towards sustainable development.

3.2   Knowledge Transfer

Knowledge transfer is important and that the value of an organisation does not only depend on the material assets anisation for example buildings and equipment. It should be the knowledge

CHAPTER 4

*If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be
called research, would it?*
Albert Einstein

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF KNOWLEDGE
TRANSFER PRACTICES TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT AT MALAYSIAN LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS

4.1   Introduction

This chapter discusses the views of the literature with regards to
knowledge transfer practices towards sustainable development
at Malaysian Local Governments. The discussion is on the
consideration surrounding the topic which this book is based on. It
begins with a brief discussion of standpoint surrounding the topic
and associated issues from selected perspectives. Accordingly, this
chapter disclose the knowledge transfer practices in relation to
Local Governments' practices towards sustainable development.

CHAPTER 5

Good governance has 8 major characteristics. It is participatory, consensus oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, equitable and inclusive and follows the rule of law. It assures that corruption is minimized, the views of minorities are taken into account and that the voices of the most vulnerable in society are heard in decision-making. It is also responsive to the present and future needs of society.

United Nations Social and Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific

THEORITICAL CONCEPT OF KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER PRACTICES TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR MALAYSIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

5.1   Introduction

This chapter discusses the views of the literature with regards to knowledge transfer towards sustainable development at Malaysian Local Governments. The discussion is on the consideration topic upon which this book is based on. Accordingly, this chapter disclose the knowledge on Malaysian Local Governments and its relationship with the practices towards sustainable development.

CHAPTER 6

Knowledge exists potentially in the human soul like the seed in the soil; by learning the potential becomes actual.

Al Ghazali

CONCLUSION

6.1   Introduction

This chapter explains the development of framework for this book and consequently to conclude this book. This chapter outlines several sections which explain the whole topic of this book. Subsequently, highlights the main topic of this book and the recommendations for future research. To address these, Chapter 2 and 3 discussed the process of framework development and Chapter 4 and 5 discussed the overall literature review. This chapter is designed as an opportunity to address the objectives of this book.

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