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ABBREVIATIONS

AIM - Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia

COTs - Critical Operating Tasks

LUKMAL - Lembaga Urusan Bait-al-Mal, zakat dan wakaf Melaka

LUTH - Lembaga Urusan dan Tabung Haji

MARA - Majlis Amanah Rakyat

MARDI - Malaysia Agricultural Research and Development Institute

NEP - New Economic Policy

NLC - National Land Code

SEDC - State Economic Development Corporation

SMATs - Strategic Management Tasks

SWT - Subhannahu Wa Taala

UDA - Urban Development Authority

YPEIM - Yayasan Pembangunan Ekonomi Islam Malaysia

(Islamic Economic Development Foundation)

JAIS - Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor

F.T. - Federal Territory

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Mauquf - Endowed asset

Mauquf 'alaih - Target beneficiaries of waqf

Madrasah - Religious school

Maslahah 'ammah - Public Interest

Magasid al-

Shariy'ah - Objectives of Islamic Law

Mazhab - Religious sect.

Mudarabah - A business transaction with a share in the

profit between capital-owner and

entrepreneur

Mujahidin - Proclaimers of Islamic truth

Musafirkhanas - Lodging houses for travellers

Musya' - An undivided part of property

Musytarak Waqf - General and family waqf

Nazir, Mutawalli - Titles given to waqf trustee

Qadi - Judge

Qard hasan - Interest-free loan

Riba - Interest/usury

Sadaqa jariah - Continuing charity

Shariy'ah - Islamic Law

Shifa-khana - Hospital

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Shaykh - Title given for a leader

Sighah - The declaration of waaf

Sunnah - Tradition which record either the

saying or doings of the Holy Prophet

(SAAS)

Syahsiah waqaf - Waqf identity / personality

Ta'abud - Submission / obedience to Allah

Ta'awul - Generally accepted practice

Taqwa - God-fearing

Ulama' - Jurists

Ummah - Muslim Community

Ushr - Due on agricultural produce

Usufructeers - Beneficiaries

Wakif - Waqf endower

Waqf 'alal-Aulad - Waqf for descendants

Waqf al-nuqud - Cash endowment

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(In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful)

"I only desire (your) betterment to the best of my power; and my success (in my task) can only come from God. In Him I trust, and unto Him I look."

(Surah Hud: 88)

"When the son of Adam dies, his deeds come to an end except sadaqa jariah, his knowledge which benefits others and his virtuous sons..."

(Hadith Muslim)

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PREFACE

Praise be to Allah (SWT), the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds. Peace and blessings be on the Holy Prophet Muhammad, leader of the Messengers, seal of the Prophets, and commander of the faithful, and on his family, companions, and those who propagate his message and are guided by his sunnah until the the Day of Judgement.

The dismal state of affairs of Muslims today is attributed by their lackadaisical attitude towards Islamic tenets. This situation has given rise to various misconceptions about the true nature of Islam. As a corollary, the growth of Islamic institution such as waqf suffers serious predicament. In Malaysia, the secular management of waqf further inhibits its potential development.

It would be a grave mistake to form views on waqf based on the depressed state of this institution in the Muslim countries, particularly in Malaysia. There is a great divergence between its current status and the underlying dynamism of waqf as aspired by Islam.

This study seeks to provide an exposition of waaf in Malaysia, relying on various literature and information on the subject as well as the results of a sample survey of the Muslim community in this country. As the prevailing scene shows a strong Islamic revival and universal upsurge, a Muslim feels it a duty to share the responsibility of creating Islamic awareness among the community in matters that can enhance the Islamic identity. To this end the writer has chosen waaf institution for evaluating its current position in Malaysia.

Contemporary realities witness an increasing growth of non-governmental, third sector economy in the advanced countries. Coincidently this development is in conformity with the Islamic economy which is characterized by three sectors; the public, private and voluntary. Waqf institution which envolves from the third sector economy has contributed a great deal to the transformation of the Muslim world since the advent of Islam.

Waqf is Fard-al-Kifayah in nature, yet in early Muslim society it has been a source of great good and blessing (barakah). It became one of the instruments of fiscal policy in redistribution of income which led to an increase in efficiency of exchange and effective demand. It is a major factor in the development of Islamic civilization that provided for building and maintaining

of mosques, schools, hospitals and numerous other services. Such undertakings keep buoyant the social objectives of Islam namely to achieve progress, justice and general welfare of the society.

Analysed from strategic management perspective, waqf's mission or objective is a perpetuation of benefit generated from waqf resources for the good of Muslim community to get the pleasure of Allah (SWT). Policy strategy to achieve the objective is to effect an Islamic economic system and a conducive moral environment in the community. Competitive strategy to sustain continuous support from the community would be to mobilise and utilise available waqf resources efficiently using various investment mechanisms that are Islamically permissible. This would foster more altruistic Muslims to allocate their wealth for the service of the community in the form of waqf properties.

Prudently managed waqf resources can generate further income and investment in the economy. Inherent in the programme model to accomplish waqf's objective is a cyclic capital formation (see chart 4:2 in the study).