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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY ON THE STUDY OF PLANNING LAW IN SABAH, MALAYSIA

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes the methodology that guides the process of collecting and analyzing information for this research. A brief discussion on the structure of research design, the sample design, questionnaire survey design and analysis are included in this chapter. This chapter discusses the research methodology being developed to identify the requirements or conditions that influence the development approval process in Sabah. A semi-structured questionnaire was designed to gather information from the target population for this research which are the local authorities for the designated jurisdiction areas. Moreover, focus group discussion was also selected in order for the research to achieve its objectives in identifying issues and problems in the planning system practiced by the state. Five stages approach adopted by the research is illustrated in Figure 1. The figure outlines the subject of examination and analysis in each state. Additionally, the flow and links within each stage and between the stages are also highlighted.

PRELIMINARY STUDY

At this preliminary stage of research, available literature are sought and subjected to content analysis. The identification of the research interest was collected by the development of the statements of problem which has previously been derived from the research interest. Literature reviews contributed to setting the research frameworks within which formulation of research goal and objectives as well as identification of limitation