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ABSTRACT

In democratic societies, voting is an important issue to reflect people opinions. This study aims to design and develop a mobile voting system for the student council in UUM, to replace the current manual voting system. The system will provide more flexibility and convenience to the students to cast there votes by saving there time and effort, and reduce the cost for the election process. The developed system shows that the objectives of the study were achieved successfully. Finally, the system is tested and the result confirms that the proposed system is capable to record a successful completion of the election process.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

In democratic societies, voting is an important tool to collect and reflect people's opinions. Having witnessed the twenty first stage renaissance of major technological and acceleration countries in the acquisition and application of this technology, the electronic voting (E-Voting) is expected to replace the traditional or the manual voting way to do the election for selection operation that is conducted in centralized or distributed places called voting booths. Voters should go to these voting booths and cast their votes under the supervision of authorized parties, the votes then counted manually once the election has finished (Feng, Ng & Schwiderski-Grosche, 2006).

The Constitution of Malaysia requires that a general election must be held at least once every five years. Nomination centers are set up in various locations by the Election Commission to allow candidates to register themselves. On Election Day, these centers are open for a set time period and the registered voters may cast their ballot for their chosen candidate in a designated voting centre. Each candidate is allowed one agent per

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