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Abstract

The purpose of this study to assess the level of Good Governance Indicators (Political stability, government effectiveness, and control of corruption) in Libya, to analyze the differences between perception's of each of (Job Categories, Job Positions, and Job Experience) of Middle-Class Libyans on these Indicators in Libya, and to recommend some improvements of Good Governance in Libya. Numerous hypotheses and questions were adopted for achieving to the study objectives. Survey instrument were distributed to the respondents (N = 400) comprising of Middle-Class in the governmental sector, private sector, civil society, and academics. Data analysis started with evaluating data reliability, and ANOVA test to assess the hypotheses. For the assessment the Good Governance level, the respondent's answers on the questions of each of Good Governance Indicators which assessed by the mean for aiming to reach to assessment the level of Good Governance in Libya. Besides used the interviews with some of who are responsible in the Libyan government, private sector, and civil society for getting their perceptions about Good Governance situation in Libya. World Bank reports about Good Governance in Libya during (1996-2010) also used for supporting the findings which obtained by the survey and the interviews. However, the study found that, there is agreement on the weakness of Good Governance of adopted indicators of this study in Libya, and there are some differences in the perceptions of respondents about the application of indicators of Good Governance in Libya. Finally, several recommendations and implications were drawn from the study.

Keywords; Good Governance, Political Stability, Government Effectiveness, Control of Corruption, and Libya.

Abstrak

Kajian ini bertujuan untuk menilai tahap pelaksanaan indikator-indikator tadbir urus yang baik (*Good Governance*) di Libya. Juga menentukan perbezaan pandangan berasaskan kategori pekerjaan, jawatan dan pengalaman kerja responden mengenai indikator tadbir urus yang baik serta mencadangkan beberapa penambahbaikan terhadap tadbir urus tersebut di Libya. Sejumlah hipotesis dan soalan kajian telah pun digunakan untuk mencapai objektif kajian. Instrumen kajian telah diedarkan kepada 400 responden yang terdiri daripada para pekerja dalam sektor kerajaan, swasta, masyarakat sivil dan ahli akademik. Ujian kebolehpercayaan telah digunakan terlebih dahulu untuk menilai instrumen dan data yang dikumpulkan sebelum ujian ANOVA dilakukan untuk menilai hipotesis. Bagi penilaian tahap pelaksanaan indikator tadbir urus, jawapan responden dinilai menerusi nilai yang minimum. Selain pengumpulan data menerusi tinjauan, kajian ini juga menggunakan kaedah temubual dengan beberapa pihak yang dinilai layak mewakili badan kerajaan, sektor swasta dan masyarakat sivil untuk menguatkan dan menyokong data tinjauan mengenai pelaksanaan *Good Governance* di Libya. Selain itu, laporan Bank Dunia mengenai *Good Governance* di Libya (1996-2010) juga digunakan sebagai asas dalam perbincangan mengenai dapatan kajian. Hasil kajian mendapati bahawa majoriti responden bersetuju bahawa terdapat beberapa kelemahan tadbir urus yang baik di Libya. Walau bagaimanapun, hasil kajian mendapati wujudnya perbezaan pandangan antara responden mengenai pelaksanaan atau penerapan indikator-indikator tadbir urus yang baik di Libya. Pada bahagian akhir, tesis ini telah mengemukakan beberapa cadangan dan implikasi kajian yang patut diambil kira oleh semua pihak dalam hal tadbir urus yang baik di Libya.

Kata kunci: Pentadbiran yang baik, Kestabilan politik, Keberkesanan kerajaan, Kawalan rasuah, dan Libya.

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List of Abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank.
CPI	Corruption Perceptions Index.
CPP	Council of Public Planning.
GG	Good Governance.
IMF	International Monetary Fund.
MENA	Middle East and North Africa.
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals.
OECD	Organization for Economic and Cooperative Development.
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme.
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific.
WB	World Bank.

Chapter One

Background of Study

1.1 Introduction

The discourse on good governance is not contemporary; it is as old as humanity itself. The application of good governance indicators in administration of human society is the foundation of civilization. The civilizations that have thrived are based on solid governance foundations. The representation of societal organization and administration bases in fundamentals of good governance had been the bastion of progress of many civilizations in the ancient times. These successful ancient civilizations were a result of the efforts by too many of individuals who have had a role in the construction of these civilizations through their ideas and aimed at construction of successful communities. For example, the ancient Chinese civilization built on the ideas of the philosopher Confucius, who urges rulers and people to work on the construction of a perfect state (Legge, 2002). His advices were the foundation on which the Chinese civilization was anchored. Drawing from Confucius's teachings is one of the fundamentals that any ruler should follow. Confucius was quoted to have said that:

In leading a state of thousand chariots, respect the office and trustworthy, economise in the use of resources and love the people, and employ the people when it is timely (Confucius, 551BC- 479BC) Legge, (2002).

In the period spanning 1792 BC to 1750 BC, the great Hammurabi also formulated a number of laws called the laws of Hammurabi. These laws were aimed at

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