

ILLEGAL OCCUPATION AND OPERATION OF LANDUSE CATEGORIES IN PERAK: A CASE OF STATE LAND AND AGRICULTURE LAND

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This study concerns with illegal occupation and operation of state land in Perak. In 2014, more than 17,000 hectares of land in Perak had been illegally cleared, resulting in the state government losing hundreds of millions of ringgit in revenue. The state government of Perak introduced the Rehabilitation Program in 2011 under the scheme of '*Pelan Tindakan Anti Usaha Haram (PATUH)*'. Despite still running in 2016 the program has yet to address the problem comprehensively.

Therefore, this study is undertaken to identify the issues related to the illegal land occupation and operation of Perak state land and the potential income to the state, as well as to provide strategies and solutions to overcome the issues. Inventory survey is proposed to assess the physical condition of the selected district. Secondary data and interview analysis will highlight issues regarding land issues, state revenue matters and environmental pollutions. Under the PATUH scheme, most of the identified land has been alienated to the State Agencies such as PKNP, MB Inc, etc. with minimal charges. The outcome of this study will help to identify the current issues and problems regarding illegal occupation of state land and the potential revenue the Perak state would be able to collect if the disposal of the land through land alienation.

Recommendations

- PTG, land office and local authorities should employ standardized computerized land management system.
- Regular updating of land administration data.
- Land alienation to individuals with premium paid using market value should be encouraged to maximize potential income to the state.
- Improve monitoring system to prevent future illegal occupation of state land.
- Premium of the alienated lands under the PATUH should be charge at a normal market value in order to increase the state income.

Tindakan

- Telah dibentangkan di Seminar Penyelidikan Tahunan IDR Ketiga (ke-3) yang telah diadakan pada tahun 2016.