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Influences of Governance and Economic Development Level on Happiness in High Income Asian and European Countries

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This study explores the relationship between governance and human development indicators with happiness using the panel data fixed effect and random effect estimation approach. Findings from the study stress on the importance of good governance in influencing life satisfaction. In a way, good governance stimulates happiness in a positive manner. Governments in developed countries in Asia and Europe may increase happiness and promote equality through enhancements in the quality of governance. This can be done by ensuring good practices in managing the economy and resources of the country. However, the relationship between the economic development level and happiness is inconclusive and insignificant.

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The Club Convergence of Efficiency in ASEAN Banking Sector

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ABSTRACT

The study examines the internal financial structure of ASEAN banking and its efficiency. In doing so, it concentrates on the characteristics of banking sector efficiency and practises within the ASEAN countries banking sectors by using Phillips and Sul (2007a, 2007b and 2007c) approach.

Firstly, by applying nonparametric Data Envelopment Analysis (Simar and Wilson, 2007) technique, it considers the technical efficiency of ASEAN banks. The outcome confirms that, at the aggregate level, the ASEAN banking markets are diverging. Further investigation indicates comparatively weak convergence between banking sector of ASEAN though there is still potential of catching up process between them. It can be International Journal of Economics and Management 12 (1): 1-31 (2018)

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Wetland Biodiversity of Telaga Air, Sarawak: Perception and Conservation of Local

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ABSTRACT

Wetland are among the most productive of the world's ecosystem and the most threatened tropical ecosystem. Mangrove forest is very useful and gives various benefits and it is extremely productive ecosystem that provide numerous good and services both to the marine environment and people. This research was conducted to identify the factors that influence the perception of local communities towards wetland biodiversity conservation which brings more beneficial towards our daily life. The interest group for this study is focuses on communities who live near the mangroves forest area and the location of study is in Telaga Air, Sarawak. The method that been used in this study was Factor Analysis and multiple regression. There are 15 factors that have been extracted by using Factor Analysis. Out of the factors, only 7 factors that are chosen as independent variables to run the regression analysis with the dependent variable of respondent's Perception. Lastly, the study found that the factors of community awareness, garbage disposal and level of pollution have a strong relationship with the perception of residents towards wetland biodiversity conservation in Telaga Air. Overall, this study shows that majority of local communities that live nearby mangroves shows a positive attitude towards the conservation of wetland in Kuching-All the activities that being carried out in mangrove area should be monitor by authorities in order to ensure the sustainable of the mangrove forest are protected and guaran-