

**DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT – A MALAYSIAN EXPERIENCE**

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**ABSTRACT**

*Construction industry plays a leading role in the economies worldwide, and its performance is significantly related to the welfare of society which is a linear correlation in the developing countries. Obtaining a construction permit is a critical process in Malaysian building projects. The study result by a special focus group dealing with construction permit indicates that a number of procedures, time and cost required obtaining building construction permits have a negative effects over the construction industry performance. There is a need to reduce unnecessary procedures, time and costs in obtaining building construction permits. The focus group report shows that there are many factors and difficulties facing by the local government in the process of approving permits.*

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