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ABSTRAK

Penggunaan kad kredit Islam hari ini masih diperdebatkan di kalangan ulama-ulama Islam terutama mengenai dengan kontrak dan keberkesanannya untuk mencapai maslahah. Kajian mengenai kad kredit Islam adalah sangat penting dan beberapa kajian telah dilakukan di atasnya. Walau bagaimanapun, kajian tentang perbandingan pelbagai produk kad kredit Islam yang diamalkan di Malaysia pada tahun baru-baru ini masih terhad. Oleh itu, kertas ini ingin menangani isu ini dengan membandingkan pelbagai produk Kad Kredit Islam di Malaysia. Hasil kajian, pengkaji mendapati bahawa umat Islam di Malaysia tidak boleh lari diri dari isu faedah dan kredit, tidak terkecuali negara-negara Islam yang lain, malah ada yang berfikir hanya untuk menggunakan ia walaupun ia menyalahi undang-undang Syariah. Walau bagaimanapun, adalah sangat penting untuk umat Islam mencuba untuk mengelak dan mencari pegangan, dan jalan tersebut sentiasa ada jika umat Islam mencari dan mereka memegang pegangan tersebut dengan keikhlasan. Daripada menyerah diri dengan godaan menggunakan kad kredit, umat Islam perlu mengambil kira alternatif yang jelas, misalnya kad debit untuk melarikan diri dari perangkap riba. Selain itu, kad debit boleh memupuk disiplin kewangan yang kad kredit, dalam kebanyakan kes, memusnahkan. Dengan kad debit, semua pembelian dan perbelanjaan secara langsung ditolak daripada akaun perbankan pelanggan. Jadi, perbelanjaan sentiasa terhad kepada apa wang dalam akaun perbankan mereka boleh menampung Begitu juga, kelebihan utama kad debit ini adalah pelanggan tidak dihantui, dengan pembelian atau kewangan lain yang mereka dibuat pada masa lalu. Oleh itu, penggunaan kad debit bukan sahaja akan mengelakkan faedah, tetapi ia juga akan membolehkan umat Islam untuk menjadi lebih kuat dalam mengawal perbelanjaan kewangan mereka.

ABSTRACT

The practice of Islamic credit cards nowadays is still debatable among Muslim scholars especially regarding to its contracts and its effectiveness to attain *maslahah*. Study about Islamic credit cards is very essential and some studies have done on it. However, studying about the comparison of the various product of Islamic credit cards practiced in Malaysia in the recent year is still limited. Therefore, this paper would like to tackle this issue by comparing the various product of Islamic Credit Cards in Malaysia. From the research, the researcher found that Muslim in Malaysian cannot completely escape interest and credit even in Islamic countries, some may think it is just better to go with the flow and use it anyway, despite it being unlawful in the light of *Shariah*. Nevertheless, it is highly essential to try as best as possible to avoid it and the venues are available if Muslims look for them and embrace the sincerity to pursue them. Instead of submitting into the temptation of using credit card, Muslims should consider a clear alternative, for instance the debit card in order escape from the malicious trap of *riba*. Apart from that, debit cards can instil financial discipline that credit cards, in most cases, destroy. With a debit card, all the purchases and expenses are directly deducted from customers' banking account. So, the expenditures are always limited to what the money in their banking account can cover. Likewise, the primary advantage of this arrangement is that customers do not get haunted, by purchases or other financial decisions they made in the past. Therefore, the usage of debit card will not only evade interest, but it will also enable Muslims to be more vigorous in controlling their financial expenditure.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Islamic banking can be described as the *shariah* or Islamic law consistent way of banking. There are certain strict rules that should be observed in Islamic banking. If these fundamental rules are breached, the concept of Islamic banking would be lost. In Islamic banking, *riba* (interest), *maysir* (gambling) and *gharar* (uncertainty) shall be eliminated. Apart from it, the investments made, shall also be for shariah compliant products, which shall not include commodities classified as *haram* (prohibited) like alcohol and pork.

Islamic banking refers to a system of banking that complies with Islamic law also known as *Shariah* law. The underlying principles that govern Islamic banking are mutual risk and profit sharing between parties, the assurance of fairness for all and that transactions are based on an underlying business activity or asset.

These principles are supported by Islamic banking's core values whereby activities that cultivate entrepreneurship, trade and commerce and bring societal development or benefit is encouraged. Activities that involve *riba* (interest), *maysir* (gambling) and speculative trading *gharar* (uncertainty) are prohibited.

Through the use of various Islamic finance concepts such as *bay' al-inah*, *tawarruq* and *ijrah*, financial institutions have a great deal of flexibility, creativity and choice in the creation of Islamic finance products. Furthermore, by

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