

PERSPECTIVE OF LEGAL & ETHICS IN MALAYSIA

Legal and ethics are rules that are set by people and it is so important for managing organizations and individuals. According to Faruqi, S. S. (2017), legal refers to a systematic body of rules and regulations created by an appropriate authority such as the government to govern society and individual actions. Legal is enforceable and carries legal consequences. According to Wex Definitions Team (2022), ethics is a branch of moral philosophy that guides people about basic human conduct. It provides principles for deciding what is good or bad, right or wrong in various situations. In summary, there are differences in legal and ethics that legal is more on authorities that rule the country and ethics is more one people moral that being learn from experience in the past.

Before explaining about my point of view about legal and ethics in Malaysia, I will introduce myself to make people understand what shaping me from my experience and knowledge. My Name is Amirul Afiq bin Zakir Hamdi, usually people call me Amirul. Currently, I am a bachelor student in Information Science (Hons) Information Systems Management at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). I do not have any professional law and ethics knowledge. However, I had experience by looking at people who do guilty and myself as a Malaysian citizen that needed to follow Malaysia regulation. Also, in each organization in Malaysia had their own rule for their company to achieve their goal. This rule creates by reference to Malaysia regulation and by professional law organization locally and internationally.

Malaysia is a country, so it is big organization with a lot of people to handle. This makes legal and ethical function to control it. On my perspective in Malaysia, legal and ethics come from the morals of human beings that had different moral perspective in each people and from discussion in a team with many professional background to prevent bias and discrimination from occurring. Legal and ethics in Malaysia being influenced by British government, Islam religion, professional organization and moral value in Malaysia culture. Malaysia being colonized by British before, so at the time Malaysia become independence, many of Malaysia legal being take from British legal. Even so, the Malaysia legal is add, reject and improve from time to time to make Malaysia regulation until now. Furthermore, Islam religion teachings have been around for a long time in Malaysia since before Malaysia became independent country. Also, Islam religion in regulation of Malaysia being set as official religion of the country and other people religion can be practice. In Malaysia, there is sharia courts that handling Islam religion matters. For other than

Islam religion matters, there is civil courts handling all law related to Malaysia. This show that Islam religion impact to legal and ethics in Malaysia. Professional organization and Malaysia culture moral value shaping legal practice cause its created ethics that is a good things to maintain citizen well-being and unity in Malaysia. The example can be seen on national ideology of Malaysia or Rukun Negara that created by professional organization named as Majlis Perundangan Negara (MPN). This Rukun Negara become a guide to make Malaysia save from bad ideology and make Rukun Negara one of the ethics being implemented by citizen of Malaysia.

In Conclusion, legal and ethics is a difference term. Legal is rule set by authority that govern country and ethics is a moral of people to behave good and to choose right things to do. However, the legal system that is being created by the government is being improved from time to time influenced by ethics. So, there are relationships between legal and ethics cause to make good legal decisions there is needed ethics in it to avoid bias and discrimination. Other than that, legal and ethics are not based on one person decision. There needs to be discussion by professionals in one team to make good legal decisions. In Malaysia, legal and ethics are influenced by British government, Islam religion, professional organization and moral value in Malaysia culture. This factor make Malaysia legal now and improved it with ethics created to maintain citizen well-being and unity in Malaysia.

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