NEW CONCEPT FOR HUMAN SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF AL-WASATIYYAH EARLY FINDINGS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

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Abstract

In the title of this paper, there are three keywords which should be understood as they are very closely related. They are human sustainability, al-wasatiyyah and public service. What is meant by being closely related is that human sustainability cannot be actualized without values and civilized approach through al-wasatiyyah and similarly public service cannot be improved without human sustainability. Therefore, the al-wasatiyyah concept is chosen as the catalyst and bridge between human sustainability and public service improvement for six main reasons: First, because it is a significant Islamic approach in implementing Islamic sharia (tatbiq al-sharia) and religious appreciation (hifz al-tadayun) that has proven to be effective in the implementation of the Prophet's statehood. Second, since the prerequisite to become a believer and a sustainable employee is to adopt good behaviour, and it is proved that without al-wasatiyyah, one cannot achieve sustainability and in fact will cause destruction. Third, to achieve self-sustainability is compatible with the instinct of the human soul to seek excellence and abhorring harm. Fourth, because there is an absence of human sustainability based on values and spirituality in conventional approach. Fifth, because of the relevance of al-wasatiyyah in the context of the current administration in Malaysia, emphasized by the Prime Minister in 2010. Sixth, Human sustainability based on al-wasatiyyah values and approach to public service improvement. By using content analysis, there are questions that need to be unlocked in this paper, especially in the scope of public service improvement. How does Islam measure the human sustainability? How can al-wasatiyyah approach sustain human? How can human sustainability that comes from al-wasatiyyah approach generate public service improvement? It is hope that this preliminary finding and suggestion will bring value added to the conventional indices and a holistic approach for a better quality of life in the process of developing human civilisation in a long run.

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