

COMPLEMENTARITY BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIES IN THE PANDAMARAN
INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND THE SEAPORT OF PORT KLANG.

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Abstract.

Industrial estates are planned areas of industrial concentration which are often used as an effective device in accelerating industrial and economic development of a region. This study is aimed at investigating the extent of complementarity between the industries in the Pandamaran Industrial Estate and the seaport of Port Klang.

Of the various physical factors examined, it was found that nearness to seaport had been very instrumental in the location of all the industries studied within the Pandamaran Industrial Estate. This is because the port serves as a break bulk point and distribution centre for industrial raw materials and goods imported/exported through it. The industries too tend to reduce their transportation cost from such a location.

Comparison of the labour force structure of the Pandamaran Industrial Estate and the Klang Port Authority revealed that the bulk of the labour employed in the port are males, thus complementing the female labour employed in the Industrial Estate.

The analysis of the study shows that there exists socio-economic complementarity, to a great extent between the workers in the Industrial Estate and those working in the port. Furthermore, it was found that there also exists infrastructural complementarity between the Industrial Estate and the port, whereby the Industrial Estate makes up for the deficiency in some of the infrastructural facilities provided by the port.