

### 3. Methodology of study

3.1 This paper begins by reviewing the extensive literature on the origins of the Asian currency and financial crisis.

3.2 The paper then reviews the Malaysian government's policy response to the crisis.

3.3 Next it seeks to find out the effects of the Ringgit depreciation on Malaysian businesses. Data on this is obtained from private sector meetings organised by chambers of commerce and business associations as well as from media reports .

3.4 Next, the paper attempts to find out what measures that the Malaysian business community seeks from the government to help them recover from the crisis and emerge as stronger business entities. Data on this is obtained from a survey questionnaire which was faxed / mailed to around 800 Malaysian companies contained in the database of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia. The questionnaire was also sent to Constituent Chambers of NCCIM and other private sector associations in the country for distribution to their member companies. A total of 100 companies had responded.

3.5 Finally the paper concludes with some actions / strategies to be undertaken to expedite the country's economic recovery.