

APPEAL

~~ADDRESS~~ BY INCHE HUSSEIN ONN, MINISTER
OF EDUCATION, ON THE STUDY OF NON-
ENROLMENT IN SCHOOLS, ON TALIVISHEN
MALAYSIA ON 2ND AUGUST, 1972.

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Ladies and gentlemen.

1. THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS CURRENTLY MAKING A DETAILED STUDY OF NON-ENROLMENT IN SCHOOLS. IT IS BEING ASSISTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS. THE MAIN OBJECT OF THE STUDY IS TO IDENTIFY THE VARIOUS CAUSES OF SCHOOL DROPOUTS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SUFFICIENT FACTUAL INFORMATION AND DATA WILL COME OUT OF THE STUDY SO THAT EFFECTIVE AND LASTING STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO MINIMISE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL DROPOUTS EVERY YEAR.

2. THE PROBLEM IS SERIOUS. IF LEFT UNCHECKED, IT WILL GIVE RISE TO MORE SERIOUS SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

3. THE STUDY IS IN TWO STAGES. THE FIRST STAGE INVOLVES INTERVIEWING ABOUT 5,500 YOUTHS BORN IN 1956 AND ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF THOSE BORN IN 1960, ALL OF WHOM ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS. THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING THEM IS TO FIND OUT WHAT MOTIVATE THEM TO REMAIN IN SCHOOL AND CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION.

4. THE SECOND STAGE OF THE STUDY IS DIFFERENT FROM THE FIRST STAGE. THE SECOND STAGE INVOLVES INTERVIEWING ABOUT 5,000 YOUTHS WHO WERE BORN IN 1956 AND 1960 AND WHO HAVE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOLS. THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING THEM IS TO FIND OUT THE REASONS FOR THEIR DROPPING OUT. THEY WILL BE YOUTHS FROM ALL THE STATES IN WEST MALAYSIA. THEIR SELECTION IS DONE BY COMPUTER AND IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YOUTHS BORN IN THOSE

TWO YEARS FROM BIG AND SMALL TOWNS AND THE RURAL AREAS.

5. THE SECOND STAGE OF THE STUDY WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 14TH AND IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR SIX WEEKS. ENUMERATORS WILL CONDUCT A HOUSE TO HOUSE INTERVIEW. A TOTAL OF SIXTEEN OFFICERS FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AIDED BY 150 ENUMERATORS AND 60 CLERKS WILL BE INVOLVED.

6. I APPEAL TO THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF THE YOUTHS CONCERNED, AND AS WELL AS TO THE PENGHULUS, KETUA2 KAMPONG, TEACHERS AND OTHERS, TO GIVE OUR OFFICIALS AND ENUMERATORS THEIR FULLEST

CO-OPERATION. TO THE YOUTHS WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED, I WILL LIKE TO MAKE TO THEM A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR THEIR FULLEST CO-OPERATION IN COMING FORWARD AND ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS PUT TO THEM CANDIDLY. THEIR ANSWERS WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.



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