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1.1 BACKGROUND OF STUDY

The UPSR and PMR examination are the two important examinations. The UPSR is the examination held for the students at the end of their sixth year studying on the primary school before they leave for the secondary school. On the secondary school, there are two more examination which is PMR and SPM. The PMR examination is being held at the end of the third year of their study in the secondary school. Basically, PMR is being used as the platform to examine the students whether to go to science class, technical, accounting or literature class. Their next stream is being examined through the performance of result of their PMR examination.

The idea of abolishing UPSR and PMR is issued by our current Deputy Prime Minister, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on the 20th June 2010. The Deputy Prime Minister announced this suggestion after opening the Pagoh Umno division delegates meeting at Muar, Johor. This issue has been discussed by many people in Malaysia as it affects the academic system of Malaysia. At the government level itself, they have three different kind of round table discussion. At the first round table discussion, it involves the academician under the Ministry of Education for example the headmaster and director of Jabatan Pelajaran Negeri. On the second round table discussion, it involves the discussion of people outside of Ministry of Education such as academic scholar, politicians, and academicians from the IPTA and IPTS. The last round table discussion involves the public which are from the NGO, government agency and other public which have directly or indirectly involvement with this issue.

INTRODUCTION

There is not much study have been made in Kota Samarahan on the issue arise on 20th June 2010. The issue is on the abolishing of Ujian Penilaian Sekolah Rendah (UPSR) and Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR). Both examination is tested on primary six and form three students through all over the country either it is private or public school respectively.

UPSR and PMR is an examination program that being controls by central administration to evaluate students' cognitive achievement at the year their supposed to take the examination which in primary six and form three.

Due to the less research towards our selected field of study, the unavailability of supporting literature makes us decided to review the overview on UPSR and PMR, the government suggestion on the abolishment of UPSR and PMR and the responses from public as well, not to forget the effect of the implementation of the suggestion.

3.1 INTRODUCTION

Methodology is defined as an organized, documented set of procedures and guidelines for one or more phases of the software life cycle, such as analysis or design. Thus, research methodology is the means in which the data are collected for the research project. It is also encompasses all the techniques, methods and procedures adopted in terminology work to carry out terminology research.

3.2 RESEARCH DESIGN

The function of research design is to know the view of the academicians and the residents in Kota Samarahan, Sarawak. These involve the residents in Desa Ilmu and several schools in Kota Samarahan which are Sekolah Kebangsaan Pinang, Sekolah Kebangsaan Agama (MIS) Ibnu Khaldun and Sekolah Kebangsaan Traoh. This is to get the feedback and to identify what are their views on the issues towards the changes made in education system in Malaysia which focus on UPSR and PMR. In order to collect an accurate data, we will get the responses from the residents and academician as stated earlier. This information will be collected by distribution of questionnaire and having the personal interview.