



**THE STUDY ON STUDENT'S PERCEPTION TOWARDS THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM**

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ABSTRACT

The National Service Program will be executed in February 2004. It involved 28000 students from all over Malaysia whom born on 1986 and has been selected randomly through computerized system. In order to search out for the data and facts, we used the stratified sampling technique. Through this method, the population of the respondents will be segregated into several categories or strata that are relevant, appropriate and meaningful in the context of our study. Meaning to say that, the respondents whom is the students from SMK Kuching High, Kuching and SMK Green Road Kuching was selected based on some requirements to fulfill our needs in order to respond to our questionnaire. As the result of our findings, there are some positive responds and negative responds being given by our respondents. Thus, most of the respondents are be of the same mind with the implementation of National Service Program to fulfill its objectives, which is to boost up the nationalism spirit and patriotism among the young generation in Malaysia. As a conclusion, we managed to explain to our respondents what is National Service Program and they have responds positively towards our questionnaires. Meaning to say that, we cope to obtain our objectives of study on this project paper.

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

When our beloved ex-Prime Minister drops the idea of the National Service Program, the Minister has taken the action in making the program comes true by establishing a high-powered committee. The committee was headed by the Defence Committee Najib Tun Razak. After facing lots of opposing and a serious meeting about the implementation of the National Service Program in the Parliament, finally, the cabinet approved the pioneer batch of 100,000 18-year old youths, out of 480000 eligible, to begin the compulsory national Service for three months beginning early the year 2004.

The compulsory National Service to all male and female students who born in 1986 receive lots of feedback and comments from the philosophers, public and even the students itself. In a poll result made by **The Star**, most of the voters oppose the idea of this program, which the total vote is 4083 votes. In the other hands 4280 voters support this idea and the remaining 3794 thinks that, this program needs more feedback and refinement. However, despite all the hype about the National Service Program, amazingly, there are some students who knew nothing about this program.

Thereafter, one of the reasons why our thesis research came into being is to give information to the public especially to the students about the National Service Program. In addition, we tend to conduct a study about the perceptions

CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW**2.1 Background of the National Service Program**

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind; it is not matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knees, it is a matter of the will, a quality of the imagination, vigour of the emotions; it is the freshness of the deep springs life. Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease. Nobody grows old by a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals.

For many years, National Service Programme has been proposed in Malaysia, but for some reasons, the Government has not accepted it. However, the cabinet decided that the Defence Minister, Dato' Seri Najib Tun Razak headed a National Service Committee and this programme is compulsory. At the same time, this programme has received strong support from our Prime Minister, Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohammad, who has warned that racial ties in multicultural Malaysia have weakens, particularly among young people. In Malaysia, the population of 23 million is made up 65 percent Malays and other indigenous groups, 26 percent ethnic Chinese and nearly eight percent ethnic Indians.