THE IMPLICATIONS OF PARENTAL SEPARATION ON CHILDREN IN KUCHING AREA

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ABSTRACT

This study corresponded to the implications of parental separation on children in the Kuching area. A sample of 100 set of questionnaires that have been distributed in order to seek information and also views as well as opinions from the public concerning our study. The aim of our study is to identify the effects of parental separation on the children, to evaluate whether parental separation is the main cause of social illnesses displayed by youths, and also to seek solutions and give recommendations on how to reduce and overcome the situation. In preparing this report we have faced difficulties in getting the information. Not only that, cooperation from the public is also very poor. However, we were able to manage all the difficulties through cooperation among ourselves as a group.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION OF THE STUDY

"The family institution is an important social unit in our society as well as our culture. Even though Malaysia has achieved tremendous development and enjoyed a high standard of living, this achievement should not bring about the erosion of role and instability of the family institution as in some industrialized countries." — message by YAB Dato Seri Dr Mahathir Bin Mohamad, our Prime Minister during the first National Family Day on 11 November, 1990 in Kuala Lumpur.

Today with the eruption of information and communication technology, a huge competition has become the measuring standard mechanism for development as well as the strength of a nation which is actively engaged in the global modernization process.

As a result, the people are beginning to develop a sense of individualism and putting aside the true identity of a family institution. Sadly enough, the harmony of life in the family institution has become a myth and upon the name of modernization, everything is simply sacrificed including the long-protected eastern culture.

Sadly enough, in achieving a secure economic status, people are now chasing after wealth and becoming more materialistic where they tend to forget the importance of family institution as well as their children's welfare. In parenting, rewards are rarely dependable, although there are all the more joyous because of their unpredictability. Perfectionism and the systematic pursuit of success have not place in parenting. So, it can