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The Year One Teachers' Readiness Towards the Implementation of The Transitional Programme

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ABSTRACT

The pre-school to Year One Transitional Programme is a new programme introduced by the Malaysian Ministry of Education to prepare for the change from informal learning at home and kindergarten to the formal learning in Year One. It was first implemented in January 2001. It is hoped that this programme will be able to help children from different background of socio-economic, environment and knowledge to begin their formal learning at almost the same performance.

Since this is a new program, the teachers involved are not ready to implement the program. They are lack of knowledge about the program and some of them are not well trained for the program. Only briefing had been given to them. In order to implement the program successfully, it involves personnel from different levels in the Ministry of Education, especially the teachers teaching Year One classes due to their direct involvement with the children. Besides having the skills in planning and carrying out the fun activities, they also need to be loving and caring in their duties. The research is focused on their readiness towards the implementation of the programme. It is believed that if the teachers are ready and fully equipped, it would guarantee the success of the programme.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

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