



**THE STUDY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NATIONAL SERVICE
PROGRAM IN UiTMCS FROM THE PERCEPTION OF TRAINERS.**

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ABSTRACT

The first series of National Service Program (NSP) has been implemented on February 2004 that held at 16 camp and as well as Public Higher Learning Institutions (IPTA) all over Malaysia. The objectives of NSP are to build the youth self-independent and instill the spirit of patriotism and loyalty towards their country. Through this implementation, we try to study on the effectiveness of NSP in Universiti Teknologi Mara Kampus Samarahan (UiTMCS) from the perceptions of trainers. This means that, the study only concentrate on the first series of NSP that was held in UiTMCS. Thus, we are focus on the trainers from UiTMCS itself and also the outsider to be our respondents. This study is designed to determine whether the NSP has achieved its objectives or not. Even though this NSP was done smoothly, it does not mean that this program was successfully implemented. So, from this research we can evaluate how far the effectiveness of the first series of NSP through the respond that given by the trainers which conducted in UiTMCS. The findings that we gained can be used to suggest the way to make the next NSP to be more effective and will be improve in order to achieve the government objectives.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The ***National Service Program (NSP)*** is the national requirement that was created by the **Minister of Defence, Dato' Seri Najib Abdul Razak**. This program was introduced especially to the youth to build their self-independent, which involved the ***pioneer*** batch of 100,000 18 years old youths out of 480,000 eligible to begin the compulsory NSP for 3 months. Youth would be selected at random through a special computer program designed to contain personal details of the participant's gender from all states. It will reflect the Malaysian identity as a ***multi-cultural*** country.

This training programmed will cost at least RM 500 million (132 million dollars) a year. The budget includes uniforms, messing, transportation, educational tools and allowances. Moreover, the program itself also has its own logo and song to reflect the NSP identity. Those selected who refused to undergo the programmed could be charged in court and face a **fine of up to RM 3000 or sentenced up to 6 months jail, or both**. Then, they would still be required to undergo NSP.

The program will first involve a **1-month training camp at 16 locations near selected forests, mountains, rivers and beaches**. These have been identified based on available infrastructure and training facilities to cater for outdoor land and sea activities. This will be followed by 2 months centralized stay in hostels at institutions of higher learning and teacher training colleges during semester breaks. The civics and character building aspect will focus on

2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

Referring to cabinet approves start of National Service pioneer batch June 13, 2003 from <http://www.emedia.com.my>. The cabinet approved that the pioneer batch of 100 000 18 year old youth, out of 480 000 eligible, to begin the compulsory National Service for 3 months beginning the first year of 2004. NSP was introduced by our Minister of Defence, Datuk Najib Abdul Razak.

Moreover all the trainees are computerized selection randomly, which is taking into account the various ethnic, races and gender from all states. Besides this training programmed also cost at least RM500 million (132 million dollars) a year. The budget includes uniforms, messing, transportation, educational tools and allowances while the program itself will have its own logo and song to reflect the NSP identity.

In addition, the programme was first involved a one month training camp at 16 locations near selected forest, mountain, rivers and beach. Then it will be followed by 2 months centralized stay in hostels at institutions of higher learning and teacher training colleagues during semester break. The trainees that refused to undergo this programme could be charged in court and face a fine up RM 3000 or sentenced up to 6 months jail or both. Then, they would still be required to under NSP.

Furthermore, this **NSP programme has been held in Sarawak** and the higher learning has been chosen for conducting this program is MARA University of Technology (UiTM). This is the first experience for UiTMCS to handle the