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**INCREASING COST OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION: A STUDY
CONDUCTED IN KUCHING ON THE MANAGEMENT BY
MALAYSIAN PARENTS OF THEIR CHILDRENS' EDUCATION**

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1.1 Introduction

This study are concerning about the management of children education by Malaysian parents in the face of rising prices. This study will bring us to find out about how the parent feel about the increasing cost in education and how do they manage their budget as to ensure that their children receive the education well. As being reported in HLB.com (2008), the cost of schooling is rising at 6% per annum and this is expected to keep climbing whether a child studies locally or abroad.

Education in Malaysia may be obtained from government-sponsored schools, private schools, or through homeschooling. The education system is highly centralised, particularly for primary and secondary schools, with state and local governments having little say in the curriculum or other major aspects of education. As in other Asian countries such as Singapore and China, standardised tests are a common feature, contributing to the high numbers of school dropouts. (Wikipedia, 2008)

Education is a learning process that every individual has an equal and fair opportunity to learn. In Malaysia, formal education starts as early as six years old, as the individual enter his primary one in the primary school. This situation will be going on until the individual complete his primary six in his primary school and will enter form one in the secondary school at the age of thirteen an will complete his form five in the secondary school. This is the basic formal education that an individual should get, and later if the individual wanted to continue his study to a higher level, he could pursue whether to form six in the secondary school or to the high institute education such as the collages or the universities (Gov-Edu, 2008).

Nowadays, not only Malaysia but the whole world is being affected by the issues of increasing price of fuel and oil. Due to this matter, all other goods and

Chapter 2: Literature Review & Conceptual Framework

2.1 Introduction

Literature review is the articles that both of us collected through our reading, and written information that has been printed either through the mass media; newspapers, magazine, book, internets and so on.

Through reading the articles, we found a lot of information that relevant with our studies. This literature review is an outcome from others' researches that might has made the similar research with our topic, and also that has given their opinion on this similar topic.

Apart from that, we also would like to inform the readers that this literature review is a secondary data, where by this data has been collected, and experimented by others too.

2.2 Children Education

2.2.1 Cost of schooling

(a) Transport expense

The trend nowadays is that both parents are working. This will make them have a limited time to send their children to school by themselves. They need transportation to ferry their children to school. Here comes not only the school bus but also the private van which will pick and sent the children to school. As