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CHILD 'CITS' PROGRAMME

"Excellence through self-help"

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Introduction

CITS Program is a holistic program aimed at improving the academic performance of Tamil school students by achieving a consistent pass rate of 70% and brings it on par with the national type schools within a period of 6 years. This program's immediate objective is to improve the student's academic achievements and to help them perform better in their UPSR, also in the longer term the development of a positive and progressive educational culture that grows into them for the rest of their lives.

This program's mission is to create administrators, who are highly motivated, creating skilled teachers; to create a change in the mindset among parents towards the importance of education of a child; to create students who will be the pride of our community and nation and also creating a community proud of their children and Tamil schools.

CITS program consists of assisting year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students to improve their education by rendering guidance in their homework. The program provides enrichment activities to excel in UPSR and aims to achieve at least 75% overall pass rate. This program also assists students with SLP programs. The program also prepares students for their secondary education and environment.

The positive outcome of the CITS program was that the Tamil school students increased their self-esteem, gained lifelong learning experience, empowered with independence and attained high level of tolerance and cooperation among friends.

The CITS Program is being run currently in two States viz, Selangor and Melacca.

BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROGRAMME

Participating Schools Selangor

| No. | Schools (Selangor) | Num. of Students | | | Total |
|-----|------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| | | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | |
| 1 | SJK(T) Dengkil | 25 | 25 | 51 | 101 |
| 2 | SJK(T) Permata | 27 | 22 | 18 | 67 |
| 4 | SJK(T) Simpang Lima | 0 | 0 | 300 | 300 |
| 5 | SJK(T) Teluk Merbau | - | 60 | 80 | 140 |
| 6 | SJK(T) Bukit Beruntung | - | 60 | 68 | 128 |
| 7 | SJK(T) Taman Melawati | - | - | 57 | 57 |
| 8 | SJK(T) Jln Meru | - | 80 | 80 | 160 |
| 9 | SJK(T) Castlefield | 30 | 30 | 86 | 146 |
| 10 | SJK(T) Batu Caves | - | 60 | 60 | 120 |
| 11 | Selangor River | 15 | 16 | 12 | 43 |

Participating Schools Melaka

| No. | Schools (Melaka) | Amount of students participating |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | SJK(T) Bukit Kajang | 25 |
| 2 | SJK(T) Bukit Lintang | 36 |
| 3 | SJK(T) Merlimau | 35 |
| 4 | SJK(T) Alor Gajah | 50 |
| Total Students | | 146 |

Overall Summary of Amount of Beneficiaries of the Program

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Total Schools: | 15 |
| Total Students | 1538 |
| Year 4: | 97 |
| Year 5: | 353 |
| Year 6: | 1088 |

ACTIVITIES

Academic Classes

Academic classes were conducted 3 days a week after school hours and during holidays. The classes officially commenced in February 2011. Classes went on smoothly and the attendance was very encouraging with an attendance rate of 90%. Besides academic classes, schools also conducted special programmes to improve academic performance of weak students as well as improving the overall pass rate of CITS students, which included the “Anak Angkat” programme whereby each teacher adopt a few weak student and placed extra attention towards their academic performances by giving personal coaching sessions to them.

Diagnostic Tests

Diagnostic Test was held in January 2011. The results served as a tool for the teachers to select students for the CITS classes; identifying weaker students and streaming them accordingly. The diagnostic test results therefore forms the basis for measuring the progress of CITS students in the various school examinations and UPSR.

Workbooks

A set of workbooks covering all 5 subjects (Bahasa Melayu, Bahasa Inggeris, Bahasa Tamil, Sains and Matematik) was given to each student to enable them to practice what they have learnt, understand the syllabus better and gain skills in answering examination questions. The workbooks were distributed to the participating schools in January 2011. Generally, by June the workbooks had been completed, after which the CITS teachers used past years’ examination papers and the UPSR Modules. In most schools PIBG’s would supply the additional workbooks.

UPSR Modules

UPSR modules for Mathematics and Science subjects were distributed around June 2010. The modules were specially designed to help students to understand the techniques of answering UPSR questions. The teachers agreed that the modules were very effective and have contributed to students’ better performance in the subjects in the Trial examinations as shown in examination results given above.

Parents Teachers Gathering

Parents were motivated to take an interest in the children's scholastic progress and affairs of the school through regular dialogues sessions and motivation talks participated by parents, teachers, Head teachers and if necessary the PIBG Chairman. The schools conduct regular parents' teachers gathering cum motivation talk.

Subject Camp/UPSR Seminar/Motivation Camp for students

Schools in Selangor and Melacca organized Subject camps/UPSR Seminars and Motivation program for the students to improve the techniques of answering examination questions, enhance language skills and motivate them to excel in their studies. Between 14th March 2011 and 16th March 2011, SJK (T) Batu Caves organized "Bengkel Menjawab Soalan" for their students. SJK (T) Simpang Lima organized a similar workshop on 30th May 2011 and 26th June 2011. SJK (T) Teluk Merbau conducted the UPSR workshop between 24th and 30th May 2011.

In Melaka SJK (T) Bukit Kajang, SJK (T) Bukit Lintang, SJK (T) Alor Gajah, SJK (T) Merlimau organized the UPSR camp on 18th June 2011.

Educational Tours

Educational tours were organized to Science centers, Historical areas and other important educational sites to enhance the personal development of the students. For example Selangor schools such as SJK (T) Batu Caves organized an educational tour to KLCC, Petrosains, Aquaria and the National Science Centre to expose students to the wonders of science and a better understanding of the experiments they have learnt in the science subject. While others like SJK (T) Teluk Merbau, on 21st September 2011 organized an educational tour to the National Monument, Planetarium, National Museum, Memorial of Tunku Abdul Rahman, Petronas Twin Towers and Batu Caves to improve the students' General knowledge, understanding of the history of Kuala Lumpur and "Kajian Tempatan"; SJK (T) Bukit Beruntung organized tour to "Lembaga Padi Beras Neg. Sabak Bernam", and rice factory to enable students to understand how paddy is processed they also visited historical sites surrounding Kuala Selangor to understand the history of the country. SJK (T) Bukit Kajang, Melaka organized Educational tour to Penang between 15th September 2011 and 17th September 2011.

CITS Monthly Meetings

The CITS Meetings were held monthly with Head Teachers, PIBG Chairman, School Coordinators, senior assistants and the CHILD secretariat to assess all CITS activities, interact with and learn from school administrators as they voice concerns and explore finding solutions and share ideas on innovative and remedial teaching and best practices.

The first meeting was held in CHILD Office on 26th January 2011. Being the first meeting for the year, the discussions were centered on distribution of workbooks, diagnostic test, submission of students' details & time-table for CITS classes, Year Planner 2011, as well as preparation of UPSR modules, organizing Teachers Training Program and assigning roles for various schools for the forthcoming High Achievers' Day.

The 2nd CITS meeting held on the 3rd March 2011, was at SJK (T) Castlefield and discussions were mainly on the progress made with regard to the preparation for the High Achievers' Day Program as well as the Teachers Training Program. Other issues discussed included the distribution of workbooks, reviewing the results of diagnostic test results and how to use the Diagnostic Test results to determine students' academic performance.

In all subsequent meetings, as per the agenda, the school coordinators' shared the progress of CITS classes including students' academic progress, how issues are handled, including the role played by PIBG, action programs to improve the pass rate especially weak students etc., as well as CITS activities such as Parental programs, Motivation talks, Subject camps etc.

During the 3rd CITS meeting held on 20th April 2011 at SJK (T) Dengkil a 'post mortem' was done on the High Achievers' Day and Teachers' Training Program that had been just completed. Teachers were happy with both the program as they went on well. All agreed that they have benefitted from the program. However, some issues were brought up for H.A.D such as parents' leaving early before the event ended, the program being delayed partly by long speeches and also suggestions were made such as time limit be set for speeches, giving of gifts to parents at the end of the event or having a luck draw etc.,

In the fourth CITS meeting held on 16th June 2011 at SJK (T) Bukit Beruntung, the School Coordinators shared the Mid-Term Examination results and talked about target setting.

In the 5th CITS meeting held on 13th July 2011 at SJK (T) Batu Caves. Mr. Kanna, CITS Coordinator presented the midterm examination results and the progress made since the Diagnostic test. The schools performed better than the diagnostic test results but were still below the set target. Active discussions ensued sharing ideas improving the pass rate and methods to overcome weaknesses.

In the 6th Meeting held on 18th August 2011 at SJK (T) Watson, the school Coordinators shared their respective schools' UPSR Trial examination results, which apparently showed tremendous improvement from the midterm results. Almost all schools agreed that the significant rise in the pass rates was due mainly to improved performance in the Bahasa Malaysia (Pemahaman) paper. It is highly encouraging to note that the schools had made serious efforts in improving the passing rate. The teachers agreed that the UPSR Mathematics and Science modules were very effective and have helped to improve the overall pass rate.

Teachers Training Workshop

A Teachers' training workshop on "Techniques of Answering UPSR Questions was held on Saturday 16th April 2011. Two teachers attended for each subject. For the purpose of the training, Schools were divided into 2 zones as follows:

Zone A

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|------------------------------|--|
| Venue | SJK(T) SJK (T) Jalan Meru Klang |
| Participating Schools | SJK (T) Jalan Meru, SJK (T) Watson, SJK (T) Castlefield, SJK (T) Simpang Lima and SJK (T) Selangor River |

Zone B

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|------------------------------|--|
| Venue | SJK(T) SJK (T) Batu Caves |
| Participating Schools | SJK(T) Batu Caves, SJK(T) Taman Melawati, SJK(T) Bukit Beruntung, SJK(T) Taman Permata, SJK(T) Teluk Merbau and SJK(T) Dengkil |

The facilitators were subject experts having wide experience in teaching and are UPSR examiners. The teachers were happy with trainers and all agreed that they have benefitted from the program.

Workshop on Vedic Mathematics

Workshop on Vedic mathematics was held on 11 June 2011 at SJK (T) Jalan Meru Klang and 18th August 2011 in SJK (T) Batu Caves. The objective was to introduce the Vedic system of mathematics to the Tamil school teachers to help develop the students' ability to improve mental calculation and photogenic memory skills. The response was overwhelming with 131 teachers participating in the workshop. The facilitator, Mr. Selvaraju is an electrical engineer (mechatronics) graduated from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. He also has 10 years experience as private additional mathematics tutor for Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia students.

High Achievers' Day

The High Achievers' Day was held on the 13th of March, 2011 at the NUPW/ PLANTATION HALL to honor the students who had performed outstandingly in the 2010 UPSR examinations, obtaining 7 A's and 6 A's. This is also the first time that the Slow Learners have been honored for the efforts they have made in achieving high grades.

The Guest of Honor for the event was Datuk A. Sothinathan, who presented awards to 7As students. Parents of the award winning students received Certificates of Appreciation for their sacrifice and contribution made for the success of their children. A total of 700 teachers, parents, students, PIBG, well wishers and the invited guests participated in the High Achievers' Day celebrations.

Annual Teachers Training Workshop

The Annual Teachers Training Workshop organized and conducted by CHILD was held at the Port Dickson Golf and Country Club from the 22nd to the 24th of November, 2011 128 participants consisting of teachers from the CITS and PRESCHOOL Programs from Selangor, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Perak and Kedah as well as Coordinators, Facilitators and CHILD Staff.

The CITS Teachers were divided into groups to start the preparation of UPSR Modules for all 7 subjects, as follows:

| Subject | Head of the Panel | School |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| BahasaMalaysia (Pemahaman) | Pn. Kaieslaswary | SJK (T) Batu Caves |
| Bahasa Malaysia (Penulisan) | Mr. S. Kumar | SJK (T) Selangor River |
| Bahasa Inggeris | Mr Manisegar | SJK (T) Dengkil |
| Sains | Ms Sivagamy Sundari | SJK (T) Bukit Beruntung |
| Matematik | Pn. Ramani | SJK (T) Simpang Lima |
| Bahasa Tamil (Pemahaman & Penulisan) | Mr. Subramaniam | SJK(T) CITS Coordinator, Melaka |

A total of 50 teachers from both CITS participating and non-participating schools were involved in the preparation of the modules. The teachers were dedicatedly focused on the creation of the modules.

Mr.Kumar from Selangor and Mr.Subramaniam from Melaka facilitated the session.

Annual Appreciation Gathering

Child Information, Learning and Development Centre (CHILD) held its Annual Appreciation Gathering cum Lunch at HGH Convention Centre, Sentul on Saturday 5th November 2011. A total of 275 teachers, HMs, PIBG Chairman, CHILD Chairman, Programme Director and Deputy Programme Director and staff, CHILD trustees and other invited guests attended the event. The guest of Honor was Dato' Thasleem Mohd Ibrahim Al-Haj .

The MC for the event was Mr. Arun Bin Ahmad and Ms Mohana Priya (Bernama News Reader), who kept the function lively with their interesting comments and jokes.

The guest speakers included Mr. Arumugam CHILD Board member, Dr. Inyngkaran, Dato Thillainathan Chaiman CHILD, Dato Thasleem Mohd Ibrahim Al-Haj and Mr. Uthayasoorian CHILD Board member. In between the speeches, the guests were entertained by songs and performances by students and teachers.

A SUMMARY OF THE CITS PROGRAM IN MELAKA.

The CITS Program in Melacca was conducted in 4 Schools in Melaka.
SJK (T) Bukit Kajang, SJK (T) Bukit Lintang, SJK (T) Alor Gajah,
SJK (T) Merlimau.

Classes were conducted 2 days a week after school hours (Total of 5 hours a week) and the target pupils were from year 4, 5 and 6.

The Objective was to help the students to improve their academic performance in schools especially in the UPSR Examination. All the subjects in the CITS Classes were taught to the students by their own teachers.

The Classes were supervised by the Headmasters of the Respective schools, The CITS Coordinator in Melacca and the State Coordinators as well.

School Visitations were made regularly by the Coordinator to ensure that the Programs were carried out effectively in the manner prescribed by CHILD. In support Work Books, Modules and other materials were supplied to all the students by CHILD.

ACTIVITIES

Activities included Meetings with Headmasters in the respective Schools.

Meetings with Teachers and Pupils, having discussions with them and listening to their views and suggestions as well as implementation of the guidelines and instructions of CHILD, in regard to the CITS Program.

Meetings with Parents to ensure their active and concrete participation in not only the academic but also the holistic and all round education of their children.

Educational tours in and out of the State
Subject Camps.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PROGRAMME

UPSR 2011 RESULTS BY SCHOOLS - SELANGOR

| No | Name of School | CITS Students | Total Amount Of Passes | Percentage of Passing | 7A | 6A | 5A | 4A |
|----|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | SJK (T) Dengkil | 51 | 27 | 52 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | SJK (T) Permata | 18 | 8 | 44 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 3 | SJK (T) Watson | 127 | 98 | 77.1 | 18 | 17 | 11 | 0 |
| 4 | SJK (T) Simpang Lima | 327 | 221 | 67.37 | 51 | 31 | 23 | 17 |
| 5 | SJK (T) Teluk Merbau | 80 | 38 | 47.5 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| 6 | SJK (T) B. Beruntung | 65 | 26 | 40 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| 7 | SJK (T) Tmn Melawati | 57 | 38 | 66.7 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| 8 | SJK (T) Jalan Meru | 80 | 42 | 52.5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 9 | SJK (T) Castlefield | 86 | 50 | 58 | 14 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| 10 | SJK (T) Batu Caves | 60 | 40 | 66.7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 11 | SJK (T) Selangor River | 12 | 6 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Overall | 963 | 594 | 61.7 | 108 | 64 | 55 | 37 |

UPSR 2011 RESULTS BY SCHOOLS - MELAKA

| No | Name of School | CITS Students | Total Amount Of Passes | Percentage of Passing | 7As | 6A |
|----|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | SJK (T) Bukit Kajang | 25 | 16 | 64 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | SJK (T) Bukit Lintang | 35 | 19 | 54 | 5 | 5 |
| 3 | SJK (T) Alor Gajah | 50 | 31 | 62 | 3 | 5 |
| 4 | SJK (T) Merlimau | 35 | 24 | 68 | 2 | 2 |
| | Total | 145 | 90 | 62 | 12 | 14 |

2011 SUMMARY RESULTS OF MALACCA UPSR RESULTS

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|----------------------|-----|
| Number of schools | 4 |
| Number of candidates | 145 |
| No of Pass | 90 |
| % pass | 62 |
| No of 7As | 12 |
| % 7As | 7.2 |
| No of 6A's | 14 |
| % 6 As | 8.5 |

2011 SUMMARY RESULTS OF SELANGOR UPSR RESULT

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Number of CITS candidates | 963 |
| No of Pass | 594 |
| % pass | 61.7 |
| No of 7A's | 108 |
| % of 7A's | 11.2 |
| No of 6A's | 64 |
| % 6A's | 6.7 |
| No of 5A's | 55 |
| % of 5A's | 5.7 |

2011 SUMMARY RESULTS OF SELANGOR & MELACCA UPSR RESULT

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Number of Candidates | 1108 |
| No. of Pass | 684 |
| % Pass | 61.7 |
| No. of 7A's | 120 |
| % of 7A's | 10.8 |
| No. of 6A's | 78 |
| % of 6A's | 7 |
| No of 5A's | 55 |
| % of 5A's | 4.9 |
| Number of Candidates | 1108 |
| No. of Pass | 684 |
| % Pass | 61.7 |
| No. of 7A's | 120 |
| % of 7A's | 10.8 |
| No. of 6A's | 78 |
| % of 6A's | 7 |
| No of 5A's | 55 |
| % of 5A's | 4.9 |

Overall Statistics of 2011 UPSR Results(Selangor & Malacca)

*2011 UPSR results have been overwhelming. Out of 963 CITS students who sat for UPSR 2011 in Selangor 594 passed all subjects scoring a pass rate of 61.7%. 11.2% (108 students) scored all As. As for Melaka 145 CITS students sat for the UPSR 2011 and 90 passed all subjects scoring 62% pass rate. 7.2% (12 students) scored all As .

Gallery of CITS Activities

High Achiever's Day



Education tour



Student Class



Subject Camp



Vedic Maths



School Visitation



Annual Workshop



Teachers Training



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