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1&2 FREE EDUCATION

- Textbook Loan Scheme to be extended to all pupils
- 5.7 million pupils to benefit compared with 4.5 million currently
- Annual fee for primary and secondary schools abolished
- Examination fee for Sijil Tinggi Agama Malaysia abolished



3 C.O.L.A. CHEER FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

- Cost of living allowance (Cola) for scholarship holders to be increased by between 23% and 84%
- Scholarship holders overseas to get 97% increase in Cola

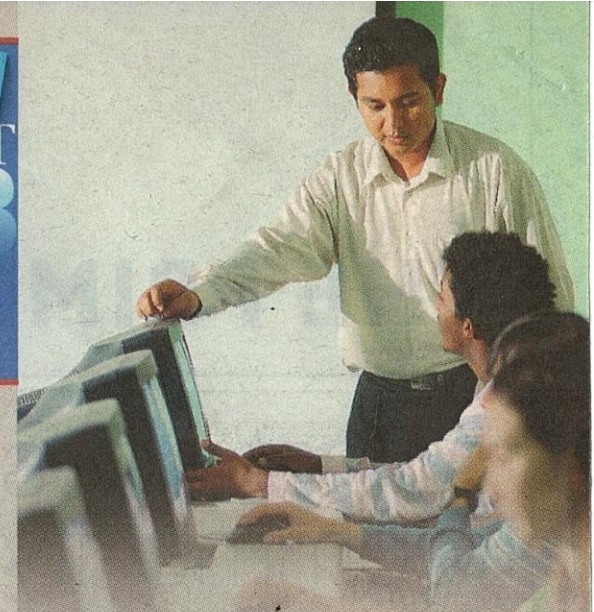
4 JOY FOR TEACHERS

- Special education teachers' monthly allowance to go up to RM250 from RM100
- Graduate substitute teachers' allowance goes up to RM150 per day (previously RM85)
- Allowance of RM60 per hour for degree holders, RM50 for diploma holders to teach Mandarin or Tamil



5 LIFELONG LEARNING

- Tax relief of RM5,000 for all postgraduate studies
- Human Resource Development Fund can be used for Master's, Doctoral studies
- Construction Industrial Development Board to set aside RM100 million to train 50,000 workers under the Masterskills Training Programme



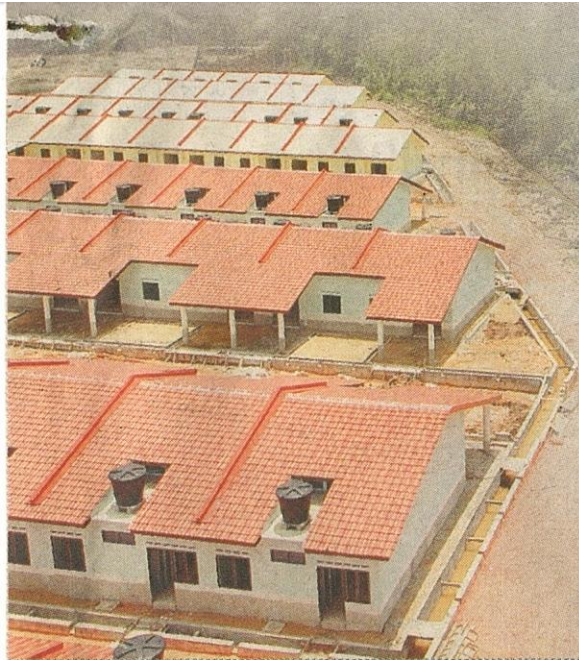
6 I.T. KNOWLEDGE THE KEY

- Import duty and sales tax waived on broadband equipment and consumer access devices
- Companies to enjoy tax deduction on computers and broadband subscription given to employees
- Employees receiving such benefits in kind exempted from tax

7 BIOTECHNOLOGY

- RM236 million to provide infrastructure and technological facilities
- Bionexus-status companies to be allowed to use laboratories and research facilities at local universities





8 HOME SWEET HOME

- EPF members can use savings to offset monthly repayments
- 5 million members to benefit
- Scheme to enable people to own better homes
- RM9.6 billion will be made available for this scheme
- 50% stamp duty exemption on ownership transfer up to maximum of RM2,000

9 HOUSING FOR ALL

- RM50 million fund to guarantee housing loans taken by those without fixed income (eg farmers, fishermen)
- RM381 million for low-cost housing programmes
- RM887 million to build quarters for civil servants



10 CORPORATE JOY

- Corporate tax to be further lowered by 1% to 26% for 2008, then to 25% in 2009

11 SENIOR CITIZENS

- RM2 billion bond for those aged 55 and without permanent jobs
- Maximum limit RM50,000 per person
- Maturity period of 3 years
- 5% return per annum
- Higher allowance of RM300 (previously RM200) for needy senior citizens from Jan 1, 2008



12 HELP FOR SINGLE MOTHERS

- RM782 million to help women, especially single mothers
- Projects include skills training
- RM10 million to NGOs to train housewives in baby and childcare as a business

13 EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- RM12 billion for Kuala Lumpur and Penang over 4 years
- Road and rail improvements in Sabah and Sarawak



14&15 CIGARETTES, ALCOHOL ESCAPE HIKE

- No hike in taxes on cigarettes and alcohol

