

# PROJECTS FOR HAPPINESS

## 2015



### Application Form

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### INTRODUCTION

Illiteracy and low levels of literacy are prevalent amongst secondary school students in Malaysia. Many students are reading and writing only at kindergarten level. This is especially true in the low performing schools (Band 5 and 6) around Malaysia. Students are forced to follow through the syllabus without first gaining significant levels of literacy. These students either drop out of school before Form 3 or go through until Form Five without being able to read, write and speak in English. Students who are illiterate are also more likely to be involved in various social ills. LitMas (Literacy Malaysia) was incepted to help students who are illiterate in secondary school to be able to read and write in English. LitMas will use specially designed modules for this reading project.

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The following are the objectives of LitMas:-

- a) To help secondary school students who are illiterate to begin reading and writing in English
- b) To empower students tutors in schools to help the students in their community
- c) To help eradicate illiteracy in Malaysia

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## ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

- 1) Development and improvement of modules – The team will look at the current LitMas module and work towards improving it. Once this is done, the team will send the modules for printing.
- 2) Selection of schools – LitMas will select five underperforming schools to work with.
- 3) Selection of students – Schools selected to carry out LitMas will select students who are illiterate and student tutors.
- 4) LitMas diagnostics – Students will carry out diagnostic test to determine their level of English proficiency.
- 5) LitMas reading classes – Students will carry out LitMas reading classes for 3 months
- 6) Summative test – Students will be given a summative test to gauge their level of improvement
- 7) LitMas graduation – Students graduate from the LitMas reading programme

## PROJECTS BENEFICIARIES

- 1) Selected schools
- 2) University Malaya
- 3) University Science Malaysia

## EXPECTED PROJECT RESULTS

At least 90% of students in LitMas will be able to read and write in English after learning to read using the LitMas modules.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

- 1) June 2015- Development and improvement of modules – The team will look at the current LitMas module and work towards improving it. Once this is done, the team will send the modules for printing.
- 2) July 2015- Selection of schools – LitMas will select five underperforming schools to work with.
- 3) July 2015 -Selection of students – Schools selected to carry out LitMas will select students who are illiterate and student tutors.
- 4) July 2015 - LitMas diagnostics – Students will carry out diagnostic test to determine their level of English proficiency.
- 5) August / September / October 2015 - LitMas reading classes – Students will carry out LitMas reading classes for 3 months
- 6) October 2015 - Summative test – Students will be given a summative test to gauge their level of improvement
- 7) November 2015 - LitMas graduation – Students graduate from the LitMas reading programme

## BUDGET

Cost to run LitMas in one school (approximate) = RM2,000

Total cost of LitMas in five schools = RM2,000 x 5

= RM 10,000