CHILD CARE IN MALAYSIA

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- DEMOGRAPHY
- LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE
- LEGAL FRAMEWORK
- CATEGORIES OF CHILD CARE CENTRE
- INCENTIVES
- SUBSIDIES
TOTAL POPULATION: 32.0 MILLION

- Aged 0 – 4: 2.7 million
- Aged 5 – 6: 1.07 million

LIVE BIRTHS: 521,136
- 1958: 291,594
- Total Fertility Rate: 2.0
- (per woman age 15-49 years)

LITERACY RATE AT AGE 15 & ABOVE: 94.9%
- 1980: 69.5%

DEPENDENCY RATIO: 43.6%
- 1970: 92.4%
- (per 100 persons aged 15-64 years)

MEAN AGE OF MOTHER AT FIRST LIVE BIRTH:
- 27.6 YEARS
- 1958: 25.7 years
- 1991: 25.7 years

INFANT MORTALITY RATE: 6.9
- 1958: 79.6
- (per 1000 live births)

UNDER-5 MORTALITY RATE: 8.4
- 1965: 70.2
- (per 1000 live births)

PRIMARY ENROLMENT: 3,101,007
- 1970: 1,684,263

SECONDARY ENROLMENT: 2,981,123
- 1970: 609,376

TERTIARY ENROLMENT: 817,587
- 1970: 52,875

MEAN MONTHLY SALARIES & WAGES:
- 2010: RM2,463

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE: 67.7%
- 1982: 44.9%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: 3.4%
- 1982: 3.4%

CAUSES OF DEATH:
- Only for medically certified COD
- ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASES (13.5%)
- 2000: 11.6%
- PNEUMONIA (12.0%)
- 2000: 4.5%
- CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE (7.1%)
- 2000: 8.2%

Notes:
- Current population estimates, Household & Living Quarter and Life Expectancy at Birth are for the year 2017
- Vital statistics for 1998 & 1991 refer to Peninsular Malaysia only
Child Care Centre Act 1984 (Act 308) and Child Care Centre Regulations 2012 are enacted to provide for the registration, inspection and enforcement of child care centres and matters related to child care aged from birth to 4 years old. Child Care Centre must be licensed and registered with Social Welfare Department.

Child Care Centre is defined as any premise that receives four (4) or more children under the age of four (4) years to be cared for wages to ensure the well-being, security and the holistic development of children in the country.
CATEGORIES OF CHILDCARE CENTRE

**Home Based Child Care Centre**
- Centre which receives a minimum number of 4 to 9 children at one particular period

**Institution Child Care Centre**
- Centre which receives 10 or more children at one particular period

**Community Child Care Centre**
- Community based child care centre targeted for low household income (B40)

**Child Care Centre at Workplace**
- Centre established at workplace or provided by the employer at a suitable premise for the convenience of their employees

**Child Care Centre for PWD**
- Six categories of disabled - Down syndrome, autism, blind or partially sighted, hearing and speaking disabilities, physical disability and learning difficulties
INCENTIVES

Government Sector

An incentive of RM200,000.00 to any government offices to establish Child Care Centre at Workplace

Private Sector

Double deduction on expenditure incurred for the provision and maintenance of child care centres at workplace

Private Sector

Double deduction on child care allowance given to employees (employees exempted from tax up to RM2,400/year)

Private Sector

Industrial Building Allowance at 10% annually for buildings used as child care centres

Individual

Tax release amounted RM1,000 for parents whose send child aged 0 – 6 year to registered Child Care Centre or Pre-School
A subsidy of **RM180** per month for each child who are sent to registered child care centre in public sector workplace for civil servants whose monthly household income is below RM5,000.

A subsidy of **RM250** per month for each child who are send to private registered child care centre for parents with per capita income below RM500 (urban), RM400 (suburban) and RM300 (rural).
Thank you