

TEXT ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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ON

**THE CLOSURE OF ALL PRIMARY ONE TO THREE CLASSES
IN ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND PRE SCHOOLS
IN THE STATE OF SARAWAK**

As the State Minister-in-charge of the State Disaster and Relief Committee, with the consent of the Chief Minister of Sarawak and the Minister of Health Malaysia, I would like to make the following orders:

1. I would like to announce that, after the current school holiday is over on 17th March 2006, I would like to order all primary one to three classes in all the Primary schools in the State of Sarawak to be closed from **Monday 20th March 2006 to Sunday 26th March 2006**. We believe this order of closure in the State of Sarawak will further help break the transmission of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in the State.

2. Similarly, following the announcement by the Minister of Health on the 3rd March 2006, on the closure of all TASKA and similar premises I would like this closure to continue until 26th March 2006 for the following:

- i) TASKA
- ii) TADIKA
- iii) TABIKA
- iv) CHILD CARE CENTRES
- v) NURSERIES
- vi) CHILD DAY CARE CENTRES
- vii) PLAY SCHOOLS
- viii) PRA SEKOLAH
- ix) TUITION CENTRES CATERING TO STUDENTS BELOW 10 YEARS OLD

I hope that all concerned will understand that this step is necessary in order to control the outbreak of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in the State of Sarawak.

I also hope that everybody will cooperate and abide by this order, so that we will not need to extend the duration of this closure order in future.

THANK YOU.