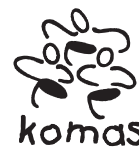


Programme period: January - June 2009

# R.E.A.L Cit Ed



Relevant, Empowering and Active Learning (REAL), Citizenship Education

## Background

The changing political landscape of the March 8th General Election reflected a surge of democratic reforms in Malaysia. The Malaysian people flexed their muscles to remind both sides of the political divide that the “people are the boss!”

Before, issues of governance have always been the domain of traditional politicians, local councilors and civil servants. In this new reality, ordinary citizens are beginning to assert their basic rights, as stakeholders to be engaged in *good governance* of their society.

Responding to these “signs of the times” Pusat KOMAS has developed a programme called the **R.E.A.L Cit Ed** or the “Relevant, Empowering and Active Learning (REAL), Citizenship Education”.

## What is R.E.A.L. Cit Ed?

- ▶ **R.E.A.L Cit Ed** promotes human rights based approach to good governance and active citizenship education.
- ▶ **R.E.A.L Cit Ed** is focused on raising awareness of local councilors, council civil servants, and state assembly members and their staff to enhance their capacity and knowledge in good governance and citizenship education.

## Target Audience

This initial phase will target three types of locations as pilot areas, namely  
 a highly urban municipality, Subang Jaya Municipal Council **MPSJ**  
 a semi rural municipality, Kuala Selangor District Council **MDKS**  
 & an out of Kuala Lumpur municipality, Taiping Municipal Council **MPT**

## Methodology

Workshops and meetings are *active learning experiences*. Participatory approaches such as games, group dynamics and the appropriate **media** (photo language, video, role playing) are effective learning tools. Participants will participate in these processes to brainstorm on selected topics, do collective planning and even to be involved in the process of developing creative media tools.

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