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# EDUCATION FOR ALL AND CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO EDUCATION IN MALAYSIA

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## **Abstract**

*This article discusses the issue of children's right to education in Malaysia in the context of being a signatory to the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights and the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. The paper begins by discussing the right to education in Islam and some current developments in the local educational system in the context of complying with the international commitments such as the United Nations Declaration on Children's Right to Education and the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations' Development Programme, as well as the Education for All (EFA) movement launched by UNESCO in 1990. It further elaborates on the Malaysian educational system as well as the legal framework established in Malaysia with due emphasis on the issue of free and compulsory primary education and children's right to education in Islam.*

## **THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION IN ISLAM**

The right of a person to education in Islam is clearly stated in the first five verses of Surah Al-Alaq of the Holy Qur'an, as translated by Abdullah Yusuf Ali (1989):

Read in the name of your Lord who created, created  
man from a clot. Read, for your Lord is most Generous,