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#### **SHOCKED BY SPM 10+2 EXCLUSIVITY**

The Malayan Christian Schools' Council is shocked at the Government's decision not to include Bible Knowledge in the 2 additional SPM subjects as announced recently.

This is despite repeated representations and memoranda to the authorities concerned since June this year.

In *The Star Online* news report dated Tuesday December 8, 2009 it was announced that the two additional SPM subjects are limited to *Bahasa Arab, Bahasa Cina, Bahasa Tamil*, Chinese Literature and Tamil Literature.

This decision appears to have been hastily taken without due consultation. It has unjustly excluded other subjects which are highly valued by ethnic and religious minorities in Malaysia.

Among these subjects are Bahasa Iban, Bahasa Punjab and Bible Knowledge. This marginalisation is a source of great consternation among the affected communities which constitute a significant percentage of Malaysians.

We urge the Cabinet, in particular the Minister of Education, to leave the choice of the two additional SPM subjects to the candidate. Surely, such an inclusive approach is more in line with the PM's vision of 1Malaysia "People First, Performance Now".

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