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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **MCCBCHST: CLARIFICATION STATEMENT FROM DEPUTY EDUCATION MINISTER WELCOMED BUT SOME CONCERNS REMAIN**

1. The Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism (MCCBCHST) welcomes the statement by the Deputy Minister of Education Lim Hui Ying that the “Iman Al-Nawawi 40 Hadith” module is only meant for Muslims and not imposed on non-Muslims but concerns continue to remain as detailed below.

2. The (MCCBCHST) wishes to re-iterate its foundational stand that it has always stood by and promoted national unity and fully subscribes and supports the Federal Constitution, including the following:

- (i) Article 3(1) of the Federal Constitution “Islam is the religion of the Federation.
- (ii) Special position of the Tuanku Rulers including as Head of the Religion of Islam of states [Art. 3(2)].
- (iii) Malay language as the National language in accordance with Article 152(1).
- (iv) Special position of the Malays and natives of any of the states of Sabah and Sarawak and the legitimate interests of other communities - Art. 153(1).
- (v) Constitution as the Supreme law of the Federation [Art. 4(1)].

3. As indicated above MCCBCHST continues to have some concerns on the matter. What is the ambit of Article 3(1) of the Federal Constitution as some NGO'S appearing to defer on it? Could the Ministry of Education clarify the position of Law on the matter? There is also concern that the introduction on 40 Hadith into National Schools may be violative of Article 3(1) and that their introduction may affect diversity and multiculturalism that we have in Malaysia. As for instance, Hadith No. 8 is of great concern where it states that “I have been ordered to fight against the people until they testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allah .....”. Then the explanation to it states that it is important to remember that the whole discussion revolved around the responsibilities of a Muslim state and does not really apply to us”.

4. In view of the above the MCCBCHST hopes that the Ministry would organist a dialogue session with NGO'S including MCCBCHST on the matter.

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