



The Impact of Peace Corps Volunteer Science and Math Teachers in a Developing Nation

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1963 – The Federation of Malaya (peninsular Malaysia) joined with Sabah and Sarawak to form Malaysia



The Three Goals of the Peace Corps

- 1. Helping the people of interested countries in meeting their needs for trained men and women.
- 2. Helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
- 3. Helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of all Americans.

Students of Sipitang, Sabah 1978 - 1980



Sipitang Secondary School





Wan Musa demonstrates solar energy collection...

Sipitang Form Five 1980



Impact on Form Three Class 1979

- Form Three = ninth grade
- Passing national math exam is mandatory to continue education.
- Typical passing rate in Sipitang = 55%
- With qualified teacher = 92%
- Out of 38 students, 13 became teachers (1 principal), 2 became pharmacists.

33 years later....



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 "I am one of 16 brothers and sisters. Born in extreme, extreme poverty... I'm the first president of indigenous descent who had been democratically elected in 500 years in South America. To a large extent thanks to the Peace Corps."

Alejandro Toledo, Former President of Peru,

2015

Impact on Form Five Class 1979

- In the late 1970's, health care in the district consisted of one paramedic, and UNICEF trained midwives.
- Teaching an after school course on human biology enabled several students in the class to qualify for nursing school and to become nurses.

"Gurus" of Sipitang, Sabah

