

INTRODUCTION

This Graduation Exercise deals only with one ethnic group, namely, Javanese in Sawah Sempadan.

Sawah Sempadan, one of the few rice bowl areas of Malaya, has been the object of research launched by the Department of Economics of the University of Malaya since 1962.

For the purpose of this Graduation Exercise, the writer has been given the work of six economic students in Rural Stream who last year wrote their Graduation Exercises on the Socio-Economic Survey of Sawah Sempadan based on the data and information collected by the Department in the two surveys conducted in 1962 and 1963. These students were each given a group of blocks to study. The twenty-three blocks in Sawah Sempadan were sub-divided into six groups of blocks, namely:

- 1) Blocks A, G, L, H and N.
- 2) Blocks B, I and K.
- 3) Blocks C, J and O.
- 4) Blocks D, X, P and V.
- 5) Blocks E, Q, S and W.
- 6) Blocks F, R, T and U.

The data under study in this Graduation Exercise has been obtained from the above six Graduation Exercises. Thus, the data being dealt with in here are secondary materials which have already been compiled and analysed by the above six students. In a word, this Graduation Exercise serves as a summary of these six Graduation Exercises.

All figures displayed in this Graduation Exercise are figures as they appeared in their respective original Graduation Exercises. Where the figures given are somewhat different from the originals, explanations will be provided.

Similarly no new definition of economic term has taken the place of the original one given by the students. The individual definitions of a certain term may be different. But this Graduation

Exercise is concerned only with figures that have already been calculated by the students and used against those terms already given and defined. If I try to supply a new standard definition of farmer for instance, it will not be very easy for me to rearrange the figures as these figures are secondary. So whatever definition given by the six students may be, it is taken as acceptable and the figures provided are quite reliable for our further study.

However, this Graduation Exercise relates only to one particular ethnic group, namely, Javanese. The scope of this writing is therefore limited to a rather general description or study of Javanese people in Sawah Sempadan. The study of another ethnic group, Malays, is left in the hand of another student, Sheikh Othman bin Sheikh Salim.

The 'students' referred to in this Graduation Exercise are those six students who wrote original Graduation Exercises from where data contained herein are obtained.