

## PREFACE

Studies in the pattern of household expenditure are invaluable in understanding the standard of living of income earners and their families. Such studies involve field investigations in the course of which data on household structure, income and expenditure are collected from members of the households.

Similarly, this study which was based on a field survey carried out by the writer among the fishermen in Beserah, Pahang, will, it is hoped, throw some light on the standard of living of the fishermen in Malaya, particularly in the east coast. However, this is not a separate survey by itself but an integral part of the economic survey of Beserah by Ungku Abdul Aziz of the Department of Economics, University of Malaya.

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