

Table 1: Respondents' profile

		N	%
Age	18 - 24	117	14.4
	25 - 34	153	18.8
	35 - 49	295	36.2
	50 - 59	169	20.8
	60 or above	80	9.8
	<i>Total</i>	<i>814</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Education	Primary school or below	80	9.8
	Junior secondary school	120	14.7
	Senior secondary school	296	36.2
	Tertiary or University	285	34.9
	Postgraduate (Master's degree or above)	36	4.4
	<i>Total</i>	<i>817</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Religion	no religious belief	561	68.8
	having religious belief	254	31.2
	<i>Total</i>	<i>815</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Marital status	unmarried	247	30.3
	others	567	69.7
	<i>Total</i>	<i>814</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Having schooling child(ren)	no schooling child	493	60.6
	having schooling child	320	39.4
	<i>Total</i>	<i>813</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Education of respondents' schooling children	Kindergarten or below	47	14.7
	Primary 1 to 3	74	23.1
	Primary 4 to 6	62	19.4
	Secondary 1 to 3	75	23.4
	Secondary 4 to 7	95	29.7
	Tertiary or University	83	25.9
	<i>Sample</i>	<i>(320)*</i>	
Working status	Student	68	8.4
	Home-maker	139	17.1
	Retired	72	8.8
	Unemployed	30	3.7
	Working	505	62.0
	<i>Total</i>	<i>814</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Monthly household income	below \$10,000	112	15.9
	\$10,000 - \$19,999	163	23.2
	\$20,000 - \$29,999	170	24.2
	\$30,000 or above	258	36.7
	<i>Total</i>	<i>703</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Having sex education before	No	482	59.1
	Yes	324	39.8
	Don't Know/ Forgot	9	1.1
<i>Total</i>		<i>815</i>	<i>100.0</i>

*Total percentage over 100% since more than one option could be selected.

Table 2: Attitude towards sex education in schools

	Strongly disagreed & disagreed	Average	Strongly agreed & agreed
“It is very important for schools to provide sex education for children and adolescents”	3.5%	12.0%	84.6%
“Most sex knowledge is learnt through life experience rather than school training”	31.0%	26.5%	42.5%
“Sex education should be a compulsory subject for all primary and secondary students”	18.1%	14.0%	67.9%
“Sex education in schools will cause primary and secondary students to have sex behavior earlier”	67.9%	18.9%	13.2%
“Sex education in schools is an effective measure in preventing unmarried pregnancy”	14.7%	15.6%	69.7%
“Sex education in schools is an effective measure in preventing sexual diseases and AIDS”	8.6%	9.6%	81.9%
“Sex education should be the responsibility of parents rather than schools”	50.6%	36.6%	12.8%
“There is no need for schools to provide sex education since there is a huge amount of sex-related information in the current mass media”	89.0%	5.5%	5.6%
“Schools should strictly prohibit primary and secondary students from having sexual relationship”	22.9%	12.2%	64.9%

Table 3: Views on the content of sex education in schools

	Strongly disagreed & disagreed	Average	Strongly agreed & agreed
“Sex education should include the methods of using condoms and other contraceptive devices”	20.1%	18.5%	61.4%
“Sex education should focus on the knowledge of safe sexual behavior”	20.6%	13.9%	65.6%
“Self-protection of one’s own body and avoidance of sexual assault should be taught by schools”	.7%	.4%	98.9%
“Sex education should focus on the correct concept and attitude towards sex”	1.5%	2.5%	96.0%

Table 4: Views on the commencement of sex education in schools

	N	%
Child(ren) (Nursery/Kindergarten)	102	12.5
Primary School (P.1 – P.6)	347	42.4
Junior Secondary School (S.1 to S.3)	306	37.4
Senior Secondary School (S.4 to S.7)	50	6.1
Tertiary or University	5	0.6
Don't Know/ Not Sure	9	1.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>819</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Table 5: Comparison among respondents of different age groups

	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 59	60 or above
“It is very important for schools to provide sex education for children and adolescents”					
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	.9%		3.5%	4.8%	10.6%
No comment	12.1%	5.9%	9.7%	15.5%	23.5%
Strongly agreed & agreed	87.1%	94.1%	86.9%	79.8%	65.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
“Sex education in schools will cause primary and secondary students to have sex behavior earlier”					
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	66.7%	70.2%	68.1%	71.9%	57.1%
No comment	25.4%	19.9%	18.6%	12.5%	21.4%
Strongly agreed & agreed	7.9%	9.9%	13.3%	15.6%	21.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
“There is no need for schools to provide sex education since there is a huge amount of sex-related information in the current mass media”					
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	91.5%	91.5%	90.2%	88.0%	78.0%
No comment	6.0%	5.2%	4.5%	3.0%	13.4%
Strongly agreed & agreed	2.6%	3.3%	5.2%	9.0%	8.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
“Schools should strictly prohibit primary and secondary students from having sexual relationship”					
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	26.2%	19.7%	23.9%	23.3%	20.2%
No comment	24.3%	16.2%	9.3%	8.8%	6.0%
Strongly agreed & agreed	49.5%	64.1%	66.8%	67.9%	73.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
“Sex education should include the methods of using condoms and other contraceptive devices”					
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	14.2%	12.8%	18.3%	25.2%	38.8%
No comment	18.6%	23.5%	20.1%	11.6%	16.3%
Strongly agreed & agreed	67.3%	63.8%	61.5%	63.2%	45.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
“Sex education should focus on the correct concept and attitude towards sex”					
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	.9%	1.3%	.7%	1.2%	6.0%
No comment	2.6%		1.7%	2.4%	9.5%
Strongly agreed & agreed	96.6%	98.7%	97.6%	96.4%	84.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 6: Comparison between respondents who have had sex education before and those who have not

	Having no sex education before	Having sex education before
“It is very important for schools to provide sex education for children and adolescents”		
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	5.1%	1.2%
No comment	13.9%	7.8%
Strongly agreed & agreed	81.1%	91.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>
“Sex education should be a compulsory subject for all primary and secondary students”		
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	21.3%	13.4%
No comment	12.0%	16.5%
Strongly agreed & agreed	66.7%	70.1%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>
“Sex education in schools will cause primary and secondary students to have sex behavior earlier”		
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	65.8%	70.3%
No comment	18.2%	19.9%
Strongly agreed & agreed	16.0%	9.8%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>
“Sex education in schools is an effective measure in preventing unmarried pregnancy”		
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	17.6%	10.6%
No comment	13.5%	18.1%
Strongly agreed & agreed	68.9%	71.3%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>
“Sex education should include the methods of using condoms and other contraceptive devices”		
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	24.7%	12.8%
No comment	18.4%	18.7%
Strongly agreed & agreed	56.9%	68.5%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>
“Sex education should focus on the correct concept and attitude towards sex”		
Strongly disagreed & disagreed	2.1%	.6%
No comment	3.6%	.6%
Strongly agreed & agreed	94.3%	98.8%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>