

## **the secondary level**

people if we wish to develop as a modern and prosperous society.

Populism has its context and its limits. It is true that political governments cannot ignore popular sentiments and people's needs and difficulties. But to seek political support of people by making a political agenda out of non-issues is a bad political strategy. These "political initiatives", like making education free, have been tried and tested, and each time they failed miserably. Our political leaders would do well if only they stopped beating the dead horse, and took a fresh look at today's needs and at long-term strategies. ■