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Learning to save from young

SAVING FROM YOUNG ... Pupils and teachers of Sekolah Kebangsaan Sungai Buaya admiring the "Junior I Save" savings account books they received from BSN Commercial Bank staff.

Teacher Sabariah Salleh (second from left) said the pupils were encouraged to open up savings accounts in line with the National Savings Plan.

The National Savings Plan was launched in December last year by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Sabariah's colleagues Mohd Rafi Zohri (sitting on the right) and Rohaya Mamat (right) agreed with her.

Staff of BSNCB, which is an associate company of Bank Simpanan Nasional, yesterday handed out savings account books to 300 pupils of the school.

The savings account, specially designed for pupils, is part of the interest-free banking system known as the Skim Perbankan Tanpa Faedah.

A Scrabble-like board game called "Mathmagic" was also introduced at the ceremony.

The game, which is used to test mathematical skills, is given to pupils who have more than RM100 in their savings accounts.

Selangor Education Department deputy director Abdul Hadi Alias, who was at the ceremony, called on parents to encourage their children to save.

He said parents must cooperate with schools to help inculcate the savings habit among pupils in order to build a society which is financially strong and economically independent.

"Schools must not only be seen as a place for pupils to gain academic knowledge but also a place where they develop positive habits such as saving," he added.

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