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HIGHER ALLOWANCE PROPOSED FOR TEACHERS OF SPECIAL CHILDREN

BUKIT MERTAJAM, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- The National Unity and Social Development Ministry wants to increase the allowance for teachers of mentally retarded children.

Minister Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said it was hoped that this could overcome the problem of recruiting teachers for schools for the mentally retarded.

The government very much appreciated the services of these teachers, she said when opening the Sekolah Sinar Harapan in Permatang Rawa here today.

"On the part of the ministry I have no problems reviewing the allowance but the allocation could not be announced yet," she said.

She said the ministry was also given special allocations under the incentive package announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to boost social development.

Meanwhile, when launching the state-level Unity Day in Taman Selamat here, she said from next year the ministry's nursery schools throughout the country would be using information technology in their teaching and learning process.

She said this would make it easier for the ministry to keep tabs on the nurseries to ensure that they kept to the objective of promoting unity.

"The online system, similar to that of the Smart School, will be introduced from next year at more than 1,000 Unity Nursery Schools as studies show that it has a positive effect," she said.

Dr Siti Zaharah said the curriculum at these schools would be revised to fit the online system.

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