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150 students to get Bernas education aid

ALOR STAR, Sun. - Children of padi farmers who excelled in their studies will have a chance to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad when he presents the Padiberas Nasional Berhad (Bernas) Padi Farmers' Children Education Fund to them in Sungai Baru tomorrow.

The cash aid will be given to 150 underprivileged students who obtained no fewer than four As for last year's Primary School Assessment Test (UPSR) and Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR). UPSR students will receive RM600 each, while PMR students will get RM700.

Another 150 Forms Three and Five students from 16 schools in the Anak Bukit constituency will receive bicycles.

The ceremony will be held at Sekolah Kebangsaan Sungai Baru.

Bernas group administration and human resource division head Zainuri Kurmain said the cash recipients were chosen from schools nationwide.

The fund, which was launched in 1999 by Dr Mahathir, started out with RM2 million.

Zainuri said since the launch Bernas had added RM250,000 every year to the fund.

He said they were discussing proposals to extend the fund to university students.