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Retired teachers to help out in teaching English

IPOH, Sun. - A group of veteran teachers, in support of the Government's move to increase English usage among students, has come out of their retirement to teach English in selected schools, kindergartens and orphanages throughout the country.

These teachers, aged between 60 and 70 years, share the Government's concern on the deteriorating level of English among students and the urgent need to raise the standard of the language.

Moving in tandem with the Government's intention, these teachers, mostly members of the Malay Women Teachers College of Malacca (MWTC) Graduate Teachers Association, approached education authorities and non-governmental organisations and offered their services.

As a result, some 200 to 300 veteran teachers are now attached to selected schools, kindergartens and orphanages around the country teaching English.

Speaking to reporters at its 17th annual general meeting today, association president Rahmah Abdul Aziz said the idea was mooted when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad proposed that Science and Mathematics be taught in English beginning next year.

Meanwhile, the association passed a resolution expressing its support for the teaching of Mathematics and Science in English.

The resolution will be submitted to Dr Mahathir soon.

The association, established in 1985, has about 2,000 members, mostly retired teachers.