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Senior civil servants attend language camp

MALACCA, Thurs. - Two British language experts are helping 23 senior government servants improve their spoken and written English at a language camp here.

National Institute of Public Administration (Intan) director Datuk Dr Zulkurnain Awang said the course was aimed at improving their proficiency in the language during meetings, presentations and in their written work.

He said this was in line with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for all senior government officers to be proficient in the language.

The four-day course is organised by Intan with the co-operation of the British Council.

The participants are from Federal departments, State Governments and ministries.

Zulkurnain said this was the first time Intan organised a course on English for senior government officers.

"Previously, Intan organised courses on English for lower level civil servants as they are at the front office dealing with customers," he said.

The course was opened by British High Commissioner Bruce Cleghorn.