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Provide disabled with skills, education to be employed

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I APPLAUD the recent statement by the Prime Minister and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the annual budget that a certain percentage of jobs in the public sector would be reserved for the physically disabled.

In addition to this, the Human Resources Ministry announced that it would seek the co-operation of the private sector to provide employment for the physically disabled.

These acts by the Government are highly commendable. I think the time has come for the Government and society to accept that the physically disabled are part of our society and we do have the responsibility to ensure that they are not left out in the development of the country.

However, for this to materialise, the physically disabled must be provided with proper education and skills.

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