

Cash aid for students

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KOTA BARU: Disabled students in public and private universities and colleges at home and abroad will receive RM300 as monthly stipend throughout their studies, Higher Education Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said.

The stipend would be disbursed regardless of the course pursued.

They will, however, have to register at the Welfare Depart-

ment to verify the status of their disability to be eligible for the allowance, he said.

The department would issue a report on the students' disability for the ministry to determine whether they qualified for the aid.

Mustapa spoke after opening the Quran recital and nasyid competition of the Malaysian Orphans Welfare Organisation (Pey-

atim) here on Monday.

Earlier, Peyatim president Datuk Dr Tengku Mahmud Mansor said emphasis is being given to training the disabled to become entrepreneurs and set up businesses, besides imparting religious knowledge.

Set up in 1989, Peyatim is managing a number of orphanages nationwide through government aid, he added. — Bernama