

Ministry to bolster teachers' foundation

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YGMB to be key platform for welfare, social activities

PETALING JAYA: The Education Ministry aims to strengthen Yayasan Guru Malaysia Berhad (YGMB) in its efforts to look after the interest and welfare of teachers.

In a statement, Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said that this was in line with the original objectives behind the setting up of YGMB.

"YGMB will be given the role to unite everyone in the teaching services and become an organisation that stresses the welfare of teachers.

"We are in discussion with YGMB to expand its mechanism so that it can become the main platform for all welfare and socio-economic activities involving teachers," he said.

YGMB will help teachers who were victims of the recent floods. An initial allocation of RM250,000 has been set aside for this purpose.

As a start, a total of 160 members from Johor will receive cheques worth RM500 each at a ceremony in Batu Pahat, he said.

YGMB currently has 137,603 contributors. However, this fig-



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ure represents only 42% of the 327,000 government school-teachers in the country, revealed Hishammuddin.

"With the new initiatives, more teachers are expected to join the foundation," he said.