

PM: Permata Pintar school can encourage gifted students to stay
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BANGI: The Permata Pintar school will help reduce brain drain and possibly create a future Malaysian Steve Jobs, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the school would cater to the needs of gifted students, whose potential might not be optimised by the national school curriculum.

“We do not have a curriculum to take into account students with extremely high IQ (intelligence quotient).

“Their potential cannot be optimised to the fullest if we cannot provide an education system for them. As individuals, they may feel bored as their level of command is way higher. As a result, their parents might send them overseas, resulting in a loss of talent or brain drain,” he said before launching the PERMATApintar Negara Complex at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia campus here yesterday.

Also present was Najib's wife and Permata Negara patron Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Najib also witnessed the signing of a memorandum of agreement between UKM and the al-Bukhary Foundation which is sponsoring the complex's auditorium and sports centre.

Najib said the programme complements the education system and the Government's effort in ensuring that no child was left behind in the pursuit of excellence.

“Some nine-year-olds are now taking pre-university courses while some teenagers have already been accepted by renowned universities overseas including in the United States.

“Their talents would have been buried and not have seen the light of day without this programme,” he added.

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