

DPM: PTA role important
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SERDANG: Quality education for students in school can only be achieved with the participation of stakeholders including parents. Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said it was important that the authorities and parent-teacher associations (PTA) had a close working relationship.

"The involvement of parents is necessary for the academic progress of students," he said in his speech during the inaugural National Parent-Teacher Association Awards prize-giving ceremony yesterday.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, urged the PTAs to volunteer their services to help teachers in the planning of activities.

"The PTAs can also help the school to come up with a more structured plan to supplement the teaching and learning activities in the classroom," said Muhyiddin.

He said the inaugural awards were set up to show appreciation to PTAs that demonstrate effective management.

SMA Jaim Al-Ehya Al-Karim from Malacca won the overall best national PTA prize.

The school, which was represented by its principal Johari Samad and PTA chairman Zaid Md Saman, received RM50,000 in cash prizes.

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