

'One timetable for all'

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PM: Move will improve standard of education

BANGI: The Government has proposed that a standard school timetable be used nationwide to allow children to simultaneously receive educational radio and television programmes and take part in teleconferencing.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said it would lead to improvement in the standard of education through the use of information and communication technology (ICT).

It would particularly benefit schools which lacked facilities such as film libraries and teachers, he said.

"With the use of ICT, a teacher who specialises in a subject such as science or geography can teach students in other schools that do not have the teachers without them having to be there," he said at the the Penyayang Clubs Summit 2004 yesterday.

The clubs, set up by Yayasan Budi Penyayang at eight public and two private institutes of higher learning were to instil the spirit of volunteerism among students.

Abdullah said ICT would allow the use of visual presentation during classes and give students a better understanding of the subjects.

"This includes seeing how experiments are done for science subjects," he said, adding that he had informed Education Minister Datuk Hishamuddin Tun Hussein on the matter.

Abdullah said a standard timetable



CARING LEADER: Abdullah sharing a light moment with Yayasan Budi Penyayang disabled volunteer Tan Chin Chin, 21, from Universiti Sains Malaysia at the Penyayang Clubs Summit 2004 in Bangi yesterday.

would not change the format in schools in the country.

In his speech, Abdullah urged students to care for the underprivileged and less fortunate by participating in volunteer work.

He said they should willingly help others without making race or religion a condition.

Penyayang chief executive officer Leela Mohd Ali urged all employers to take into consideration the volunteer

work undertaken by graduates when they applied for jobs.

She also urged the vice-chancellors and deputy vice-chancellors of the institutes to make funds available to the clubs.