Shahrizat: Early dyslexia detection programmes in all nurseries

KUALA LUMPUR: Early dyslexia detection programmes will be implemented in all nurseries under the Welfare Department before the year-end, said Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

She said the ministry was working with the Dyslexia Association of Malaysia to prepare a module on the method of early detection of dyslexia among children.

“As the association has the expertise, it would be the smart partner of the ministry to create the pioneer project on the curriculum and module on early dyslexia detection at all nurseries registered with the department.

“I hope the module would be completed in the next five months for it to be distributed to the nurseries for application,” she told reporters after visiting a special Dyslexia Education Programme at Sekolah Kebangsaan Taman Maluri (SKTM) here yesterday.

Shahrizat said dyslexia was one of the areas of disabilities given attention by the ministry as the Welfare Department had identified children as the group which needed immediate attention at the early stage.

She said the problem which was not well known in the community, especially among parents and teachers, was seen as the major short-coming in assisting children in the category and early detection could help realise their potential abilities.

“Actually dyslexic children are not disabled persons; they needed to be identified early and parent and teacher guidance could optimise their ability,” she said.

On the need for dyslexia education, Shahrizat said she had directed Welfare Department director-general Hadzir Mohamed Zain to hold a special meeting with teachers, parents and dyslexic children to collect information of their needs for the Education Ministry — Bernama

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