

MoE looking into different teaching methods to improve students' literacy rate

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GENTING HIGHLANDS: The Education Ministry (MoE) is looking into appropriate teaching approaches that can be adopted to address the low literacy rate among some students in the country.

Senior Education Minister Datuk Dr Radzi Jidin said the matter needed to attention as there were some students who were still poor at reading, despite having entered secondary school.

"This is not a new issue. It has been around even before the Covid-19 pandemic hit. This is a major challenge for us (the ministry) and I have talked to the Education director-general about looking into different approaches to address it.

"Perhaps, the syllable-based approach that we have been adopting is a bit difficult for students to understand. So, we are working to ensure early interventions can be done,"

he told a press conference after officiating the 29th National Seminar on Educational Management and Leadership at the Aminuddin Baki Institute, here today.

Meanwhile, Radzi said the ministry was aware of the allegations that there were teachers who had to "cheat" by giving higher marks to students just to ensure their key performance indicators were achieved.

"We have to understand, the comments (marks) given by the teachers are based on their justification. So, for us to say that this teacher is cheating or vice-versa, is a subjective thing.

"But I do not deny that this may happen, and we are aware that there is a need for us to move together to understand what we want to achieve or produce from the education system." – Bernama