

Issues raised in World Bank report already addressed: Minister

SERDANG: The issues raised in the World Bank report titled “Bending Bamboo Shoots: Strengthening Foundation Skills” regarding the country’s education system have actually been addressed by the Education Ministry in a progressive and proactive manner, said Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek.

She said the ministry is currently implementing various initiatives for the reform of the national education system, including the restructuring of the preschool system, the School

Curriculum for 2027 and curriculum interventions to address learning loss.

“The ministry has already announced our education reform, starting with the establishment of a special committee to examine and promptly implement these reforms.

“For example, the preschool expansion committee has been implemented, and 2023 and 2024 are significant years for preschool expansion at the Education Ministry’s institutions,” she said after delivering a lecture at the Distinguished Lecture

Series on Youth Well-Being organised by the Institute of Social Science Studies, Universiti Putra Malaysia yesterday.

Fadhlina said the ministry has conducted a series of engagements with stakeholders regarding the future of education in Malaysia, adding that these engagement sessions also discussed the framework for the 2027 school curriculum.

“The sessions addressed several questions, concerns and community anxieties about what should be

taught, and our educational focus. This curriculum will be fully implemented in 2027, but preschool will begin earlier, in 2026.

“Currently, our team is undertaking various interventions, engagement sessions and also beginning to prepare teachers for these new curriculum frameworks.”

In her lecture, Fadhlina emphasised the ministry’s commitment to enhancing the quality, equality, and accessibility of education for all students, and

stressed that no student should be marginalised within the country’s education system.

“As I have said before and will continue to stress, quality education belongs to all, regardless of race, religion or politics. Like it or not this is a fact and we are proud to lead by example.

“Malaysia is a multi-racial and multi-religious society with a place for everyone aligned with our values as outlined in our constitution, history and tradition.” – Bernama