

Sports teacher honoured

MARIASELINAR A. Anthony was among the 46 teachers who retired over the past one year, who were honoured by the Negri Sembilan branch of the National Union of the Teaching Profession (NUTP) in Seremban last Saturday.

Born on June 2, 1959, Mariaselinar attended St Paul's Institution (SPI) for both his primary and secondary education. He represented SPI in athletics and football.

He studied at Maktab Perguruan Temenggong Ibrahim (now known as Institut Pendidikan Guru (IPG) Kampus Temenggong Ibrahim) where he trained in English and Geography.

He was first posted to Sekolah Menengah Tuanku Abdul Rahman (STAR) in Gemas. He taught English, Geography and Moral Education. He was also in-charge of the school football and athletics teams.



Mariaselinar receives a gift from NUTP president Aminuddin Awang (left).

He then attended an English Language specialist course at Maktab Perguruan

Ilmu Khas (now known as IPG Kampus Ilmu Khas).

He also studied for a

Bachelor of Arts in English Language at Universiti Putra Malaysia.

He was transferred to SMK Taman Paroi Jaya (later SMK Pendeta Za'ba) and to SMK Seremban Jaya. He taught English, Mathematics and Physical Education.

Mariaselinar is presently still active in athletics as an International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Level One official and a committee member of the Negri Sembilan Para Athletics Association (POPNS)

"My fondest memories in school are preparing students to excel in the English Language, both orally and in writing. Also training students for football, hockey and athletics and seeing them succeed," he said.

His retirement plans include gardening, keeping the house clean and rearing fish.