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KUCHING: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) has created a programme to enhance the command of English among preschoolers in Sarawak.

The programme, known as "Enhancing Basic English Proficiency for Preschoolers", is targeted at districts with high numbers of pupils who cannot cope with the very foundation of English.

The programme, however, will not replace any of the current National Preschool Standardised Curriculum implemented by the Ministry of Education (MoE).

"Nothing will be replaced. This programme's role is to facilitate basic English learning in addition to the current curriculum," Minister of Welfare, Women and Family Development, Datuk Hajah Fatimah Abdullah told a press conference after chairing a meeting of the Early Childhood Development



FATIMAH (centre) speaking at the press conference as Rosey (right) and a representative from UNIMAS look on.

Council and the Professionalism and Education Development Society (PROFES) with the programme's stakeholders including the State Education Department and KEMAS at Baitulmakmur yesterday.

Fatimah disclosed that the programme would be utilising the Smart Phonics method to make it a fun learning experience for the students.

"Applying these while educating preschoolers have proven to be

effective in solving their reading and writing problems.

"UNIMAS has even tested this method on remedial students in primary schools who show great improvement in their command of the language after being taught with this method," added Fatimah.

"This programme targets preschoolers because preschool is the platform for them to build a strong foundation before entering primary and secondary schools," said Fatimah.

Under the programme, it is hoped that 95 per cent of the preschoolers will be able to master the English basics.

"We will continue to liaise with UNIMAS and all the programme's stakeholders to finalise everything including the districts, training, budgets and so on," said Fatimah.

Present during the press conference was the Assistant Minister of Early Childhood Education, Rosey Yunus.

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