



Children and parents at the Merdeka Charity Walk 2017 in Kuantan yesterday. PIC BY MUHAMMAD ASYRAF SAWAL

Technical, vocational skills for youths with autism

KUANTAN: Autistic youths and school leavers can soon attend training courses at the National Youth Skills Institute (IKBN), said the National Autism Society of Malaysia (Nasom).

Nasom president Datuk Megat Ahmad Shahrani Megat Shahrudin said the courses tailored for autistic students would allow them to secure jobs.

He said Nasom had held dis-

cussions with the Youth and Sports Ministry to identify modules to help autistic youths equip themselves with technical and vocational skills.

Megat said the training courses would give autistic secondary school leavers the opportunity to further their studies.

"Nasom and the ministry are fine-tuning the courses that should be offered to autistic

youth at IKBN. From an early age, associations like Nasom can provide support for autistic children. Our concern is what they will do as they grow older or after completing school.

"Identifying the traits in autistic youths will help them make the right choice if they plan to further their studies at IKBN," he said the Merdeka Charity Walk 2017 organised by Nasom and

Yayasan Pahang here yesterday.

Megat Ahmad Shahrani said once IKBN opened its doors to autistic youths, those aged between 25 and 40 could get the skills needed to excel.

Earlier, he joined some 1,200 autistic children and parents at the inaugural 2.5km walk near Kompleks Yayasan Pahang. The New Straits Times Press Bhd was among the sponsors of the event.