

Taking to it like duck on water

Response for swimming lessons encouraging and parents give their full support

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SWIMMING has become an enjoyable activity for pupils from SK Seksyen 9, Shah Alam. Forty of these pupils have signed up as members of the school's swimming club. The school's co-curriculum senior assistant Ong Eng Too said, the pupils aged nine to 12, were currently train-

basics. The priority is for the pupils to enjoy the training sessions. "Looking at the encouraging response, we are certain the pupils are having a good time at the pool. "The parents are also taking a keen interest in the programme. "As the training sessions are held after school hours, the parents take the responsibility of ferrying the children to and from the centre" she said. A qualified swimming and scuba diving instructor, L.B. Lee said the pupils are divided into three groups -

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SK SEKSYEN 9 SHAH ALAM CO-CURRICULUM SENIOR ASSISTANT ONG ENG TOO



Practise makes perfect: Pupils learning the basic.

ing at the Panasonic Sports Centre in Shah Alam. Their instructors are from Dolphin Sports, based at the centre with L.B. Lee as chief instructor. Ong said the school wanted the pupils to take up swimming as a recreational activity. "We don't want to put pressure on them. But we would encourage them to participate in age group competitions when they have mastered the

beginners, intermediate and elite. "The training programme varies according to the students' skills. We want to see them progress and subsequently take part in competitions. They have been with us for almost two months and we were able to see a lot of progress in them," he said. The school is also proud that one of their former pupils, Nik Sorfina Nadia Hamdan has won honours in several national age group championships.

"Sorfina was a pioneer in our training programme. She has also represented Malaysia in international age group competitions. Likewise we would be happy see the current trainees donning state and national colours," said Ong. Later this year, probably in September, the school is planning to organise a swimming competition for their pupils. Ong said the competition is an opportunity to evaluate the swimmers' progress. "We hope to get the parents to assist us in organising the championships. Lee is also supportive of our suggestion," she said. Panasonic Sports Centre manager T. Kanniappan said, they were pleased to offer their facilities to schools. "Many schools in Shah Alam are utilising the facilities for their sporting activities. We also have facilities for football, netball and other indoor games," he said.



Here's how: Lee (right) assisting a pupil get it right



Getting it right: Lee (right) observing a pupil diving.

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