Sex education at camps

National Service trainees to also learn about pregnancy, family life

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KANGAR: Some 30,000 National Service trainees in 82 camps will be introduced to Reproductive and Social Health Education as a sub-module starting today to equip them with a better understanding of the social problems facing young people.

National Service Training Department director-general Datuk Abdul Hadi Awang Kechil said yesterday the introduction of the sub-module with the syllabus compiled by the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry, was important as youth were facing many problems and social issues, including rape, pregnancy and baby-dumping.

He said the sub-module had four major sections on gender understanding, family life, skills development and social problems.

They were intended to strengthen the minds of the trainees and at the same time, enable them to think and act positively when facing or dealing with such issues.

Hadi said adjustments to the sub-module would be made from time to time, depending on the current issues.

“The syllabus has to be improved as we cannot use the old approach to teach the new generation because the problems faced by today’s youth are different from those in 2004.”

He was speaking after the presentation of the 2010 Northern Zone Excellent Service awards and the launching of a book ‘Rahsia Surang Negaraan’ (The Secret of a Statesman) at the Ta’zim National Service Training Camp, near here, yesterday.

Hadi said 1,600 trainers had undergone training with the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry on the sub-module and were fully equipped to conduct sessions with the 30,000 trainees, in the second intake for this year, from May 15 to July 30.

ALL SHOOK UP

Telekom Malaysia Bhd employees assemble on the vacant ground adjacent to Menara Telekom in Jalan Pantai Baru, Kuala Lumpur. They vacated the building after an earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale that occurred in northern Sumatra, Indonesia, yesterday rocked the building. Tremors were also felt in several areas on the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia, including Malacca, Selangor and southern Perak. --- NST picture by Yong Chee Choong

Police brace for hackers’ attack

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KUALA LUMPUR: Police are working with several government agencies in preparing for the “worst” in the event a group of international hackers carry out their threat against the country.

Calling themselves “Anonymous”, the international hacker group has threatened to sabotage and disrupt the Malaysian government’s official online portal tomorrow.

Federal Commercial Crime Investigation Department director Datuk Syed Ismail Syed Azizan said police were working with the National Security Council