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Road safety already taught in schools

I REFER to the letter "All about careful driving"

It was certainly a most welcome remark from the reader that "road safety and knowledge of road signs be taught from young perhaps in primary schools..."

The Road Safety Department has already introduced the Road Safety Education (RSE) programme initially through a pilot project in 2007 in close collaboration with the Education Ministry as a long-term move to reduce the high number of road accidents and deaths. It is incorporated in the teaching of the national language and interwoven with speaking, listening, writing and reading components.

In 2008, RSE was introduced to all Primary One students nationwide in Government and vernacular schools and by 2011 all Primary One to Six students were exposed to RSE.

The RSE was extended to cover secondary school students beginning with Form One in 2012 and is expected to be taught in Form Two and Form Three in 2013.

In addition to the RSE, the department also actively cooperates with several private companies and NGOs to conduct various road safety programmes in schools for example the Shell Traffic Games, Petronas Street Smart programme, Toyota Traffic Warden programme, PLUS road safety, Allianz and Denso's road safety campaigns in schools, Perbadanan Putrajaya's DE care programmes and The Road Safety Marshall Club's programme on road safety.

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