

Bar codes add spark to MTL lessons

DURING Malay lessons, West View Primary School pupils search for bar-code strips pasted on walls and furniture.

With the use of a scanning device, the bar codes enable pupils to retrieve links to Malay folk tales, poetry and newspaper articles online.

The unconventional learning

method was cited at the annual Malay Language Seminar, held at the Ministry of Education (MOE) Language Centre yesterday, as an example of how teachers should motivate the young to learn Mother Tongue Language (MTL).

Guest of honour Ho Peng, MOE's director-general of educa-

tion, noted the rising trend across all communities – Malay, Chinese and Indian – of English becoming the main language spoken at home.

She said: “It’s not just (about) teaching a language but it is, in fact, a transfer of a culture to the younger generation.”

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