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# Exemplary educators

Two Malaysian teachers are in line to win US\$1 mil

**PETALING JAYA:** Two Malaysian teachers have beaten close to 8,000 others from 148 countries to stand a chance to win US\$1mil (RM4.3mil).

Noorjahan Sultan and Vanesri Kasi are among 50 shortlisted candidates for an award that recognises an exceptional teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession.

The Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize 2016 award worth RM4.2mil also aims to shine the spotlight on the role of teachers.

Noorjahan, 44, a preschool teacher, said the nomination was like "a gift" and that it made her feel appreciated.

"I hope I am inspiring young educators. Just like any other teacher in the world, we struggle to get the best from our kids," said Noorjahan, who has 22 years of experience.

She was also a finalist for the National Innovation Award by the **Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry** last year.

Since 2009, Noorjahan has pioneered "Let's Rhyme", a method of English language learning based on the alphabet and thematic rhyming, often infused with moral values and cultural understanding.

She is chosen as a national trainer for preschool teachers and has adopted a train-the-teacher approach to spread the method faster.

Noorjahan hopes to continue



**Shining duo:** Vanesri (left) has already received several awards for her teaching methods while Noorjahan hopes to continue working on her 'Let's Rhyme' module.

working on her "Let's Rhyme" module if she wins and to distribute it to more people.

"I'm now putting in effort to digitise the module into an audiovisual application in line with the 21st century style of learning," said Noorjahan, who teaches in a preschool in SK Indera Mahkota Utama, Kuantan.

Despite being only 25, Vanesri, a remedial education teacher at SJK(T) Jalan Khalidi Muar, Johor, has already received several awards, including one for the way she has

integrated sports into her teaching.

She has also achieved outstanding results in reintegrating children back into mainstream schools.

"I focus on slow learners. I make them feel confident and be able to talk bravely in front of others.

"My goal is to provide opportunities for slow learners to showcase their strengths," she said.

She gets students to present their projects and uses teaching aid to help them understand their lessons.

Her lessons are also peppered

with jokes to create a relaxed atmosphere for students.

If she wins, Vanesri hopes to donate the prize money to autism centres or to remedial or special education classes. She also has plans to start building a therapy room project to provide special children with the tools for moving forward and to lead productive lives.

The winner will be announced at the Global Education and Skills Forum in Dubai on March 16 next year.

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## Tiada episod hujan lebat

**Kuala Lumpur:** “Berdasarkan analisis terkini menerusi Model Tinjauan Cuaca Berangka yang dijalankan sehingga hari ini (semalam), tiada episod hujan lebat monsun dijangka berlaku di Pantai Timur Semenanjung dalam tempoh terdekat.

“Cuaca sedia ada kekal sehingga Rabu minggu depan dan ia bergantung kepada hasil tinjauan harian yang meramalkan keadaan untuk tempoh enam hari seterusnya,” kata Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (METMalaysia) Datuk Che Gayah Ismail.

Menurut beliau, analisis itu mengambil kira beberapa faktor perubahan atmosfera seperti angin dan cuaca selain perkembangan cuaca lain antaranya ribut atau taufan.

“Dalam tempoh enam hari, kawasan serantau negara ini terus menerima tiupan angin Timur dan Timur Laut. Justeru, hujan berlaku di satu atau dua tempat di negeri di Pantai Timur dan Barat Sarawak pada awal pagi.

“Manakala pada waktu petang dan awal malam, hujan dan ribut petir dijangka berlaku di kebanyakan tempat di negeri di Pantai Barat Semenanjung selain kawasan pedalaman di Pahang, Terengganu dan Kelantan. Ia turut termasuk di semua kawasan di Sarawak dan Timur Sabah,” katanya ketika dihubungi Harian Metro di sini, semalam.

Che Gayah berkata, pihaknya bagaimanapun tidak menolak kemungkinan berlaku hujan lebat monsun di semua negeri di Pantai Timur selain kawasan pantai di Sarawak dan Barat Sabah selepas tempoh berkenaan.

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