

# New football academy to help young stars to shine

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AKADEMI Bolasepak Bintang Harapan, Butterworth, formed after the general election this year, was launched at a simple ceremony at the Seberang Prai Municipal Council public field in Jalan St Marks, Butterworth.

Penang Youth and Sports Committee chairman Soon Lip Chee and Bagan Dalam assemblyman M. Satees opened the academy.

They were joined by 54 children aged between seven and 12.

Soon in his speech said that the academy would be a platform to in the children and identify players with potential.

"Someone from this academy will play for the Penang team one day and go on to represent Malaysia," he predicted. The academy will have a few trainers who are volunteers

and the children can train there for free.

Satees said the children enrolled at the academy were of all races and this would create harmony

among them.

He also said that he would allocate RM2,000 to buy uniforms for the children.

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president Albert Khor, who is also the academy adviser, said 80 children from Butterworth, Bukit Mertajam and Sungai Dua had joined the academy so far.

He urged parents who were interested in enrolling their children to contact him at 016-4056789. The academy accepts children up to the age of 17.

Children from Akademi Bolasepak Bintang Harapan (in blue) posing at the launch of the academy. With them are (all holding banner) Soon (in white), Satees (in black) and Khor (in orange).