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'Technology subject may be introduced in schools'

SEREMBAN: The government is looking at introducing "Technology" as a school subject.

This was meant to prepare youth with advanced technological knowledge of the digital industry, said Communications and Multimedia Minister Gobind Singh Deo.

He said the proposal had been discussed with the Education Ministry.

"We (the ministry) want to create a new learning system to meet the ever-expanding technological challenges, especially since the Industrial Revolution 4.0 has given a new impetus to education transformation.

"We will collaborate with the Education Ministry," but no decision has been made, as we need to set up a proper infrastructure before the syllabus can be introduced."

He said preparations needed to be done before the idea could be executed, especially in providing

Internet access nationwide, especially in rural areas.

"It is a challenge but we must overcome this. We must start somewhere as the world is moving towards the industrial and digital era. We are working hard to provide Internet access, infrastructure and facilities."

Gobind said this after launching the JomStudi programme at Kampung Kering Labu Internet Centre here on Friday.

A collaboration between Media Prima Bhd, Astro Malaysia Holdings Bhd and Digi Telecommunications Sdn Bhd (Digi), JomStudi is a digital learning hub that aggregates school syllabus-based content to make digital learning more accessible, especially in under-served areas.

Hosted and managed by Digi, JomStudi provides students with education content that follows the syllabus set by the Education Ministry.

Present at the launch were Me-



Communications and Multimedia Minister Gobind Singh Deo (standing, fourth from left) with schoolchildren at the launch of the JomStudi programme at the Kampung Kering Labu Internet Centre in Seremban on Friday. Present are Media Prima group managing director Datuk Kamal Khalid (standing, sixth from left), Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission chairman Al-Ishsal Ishak (standing, fifth from left) Astro chief executive officer Henry Tan (standing, second from left), Digi chief executive officer Albern Murty (standing, third from left) and Malaysian Digital Economy Corporation vice-president of Talent and Digital Entrepreneurship Sumitra Nair (standing, third from right). PIC BY IQMAL HAQIM ROSMAN

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Murty and Malaysian Digital Economy Corporation vice-president of Talent and Digital Entrepreneurship, Sumitra Nair.

Gobind said the collaboration was vital to bridge the digital gap and change the way learning

was experienced.

"It is important for the younger generation to start building digital skills and ensure that they have an appetite for lifelong learning to thrive in the future workforce."