

**REFORMS****Fadhlina: Fixing teacher shortage a major milestone**

**BANGI:** The long-standing teacher shortage issue has been resolved, marking a milestone for the education system, said Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek yesterday.

She said the achievement was the result of reforms carried out by the Education Ministry in collaboration with the Education Service Commission, the first such success in the country's education history.

"There are no longer any issues related to teacher shortages in Malaysia."

"We have resolved the matter through various mechanisms," she said.

"These include ensuring that the teachers we deploy are qualified and able to meet students' needs."

Fadhlina said this at the 15th convocation of the Institute of Teacher Education Malaysia

(IPGM) here.

She said the ministry's efforts were focused not only on increasing the number of teachers, but also on improving the quality and suitability of teacher placements nationwide.

She added that applications to join IPGM continued to rise annually, reflecting strong public interest in the profession.

"We don't want teaching to be seen as just a career."

Fadhlina added: "Those who pass the interview and go on to train as teachers must have the passion for it."

She gave her assurance that improvements would be made to maintain the effectiveness of teacher placements across the country.

A total of 5,390 students from the June 2021 intake of the Bachelor of Teaching Programme graduated yesterday.