

Schools will still reopen on Jan 3

PUTRAJAYA: The new school year will commence on Jan 3 as scheduled despite the floods in the southern states of peninsular Malaysia.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said his ministry would ensure that the affected schools would reopen by that date.

"We will identify, clean and repair schools that were submerged by flood waters as soon as the situation improves," he said.

According to the ministry, 32 schools in Johor, Malacca, Negri Sembilan and Pahang have been flooded while 120 schools are now being used as shelters for flood victims.

The Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) 2006 candidates from schools affected by the floods will receive their results by mail.

The ministry's hotline for flood victims is at 1-800-884-774 and fax line at 03-8888 6681 (office hours only).