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Three technical schools infested by termites

Three of the nine technical secondary schools are termite infested and the buildings have suffered damage.

The three are SMT Kuala Selangor, SMT Seberang Perai and SMT Sejingkat.

According to the Auditor General's Report 2005, SMT Alor Setar was another school where termites had infested the school hall, windowsills and surau.

This was despite the fact that from 2003 to 2005, technical schools had spent about RM1.3bil, that is RM57.3mil more than the RM1.2bil allocated for them.

The AG said that there were 443 teaching positions in the nine schools, adding that eight had a surplus of 16 teachers.

However, despite the surplus, he said, teachers for Bahasa Melayu, English, Moral, Additional Mathematics and Electrical Engineering subjects were still lacking.

He said teacher intake should be according to the qualifications and options, but the audit showed that 23 teachers did not teach the subjects according to their option in 2003, 35 in 2004 and 41 last year.

For example, in SMT Kuala Selangor, Additional Mathematics was taught by teachers with Economics qualification, while in SMT Bachok, teachers qualified in Sports Science and History were teaching Bahasa Melayu.

The AG said: "To have an effective teaching and learning process, the Ministry has to examine the lack or surplus of teachers so that their numbers fit the school's needs."