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Pikom's budget 'wish list' for ICT sector

KUALA LUMPUR: The National ICT Association of Malaysia (Pikom) has made some recommendations to the Government for inclusion in the upcoming national budget.

It proposes that the Government explicitly promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) stream and courses for secondary school and tertiary students.

According to Pikom, stipends or monetary assistance should be offered to students pursuing additional online courses purchasing technology or procuring additional resources.

Furthermore, companies providing scholarships for STEM-related

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courses or training employees in core areas such as data science and cybersecurity should be entitled to enhanced corporate incentives.

On withholding tax, Pikom recommends that software should not be subjected to royalty for mere use or right to use, and that taxes should not be imposed retrospectively.

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