



Sarifah Ahmad teaching her son Mohd Muslim Roslan how to use the wheelchair.

Wheelchair for youth

KUANTAN: Mohd Muslim Roslan is one happy boy. The 16-year-old, who has no arms and only one leg, which is deformed, can now move around, thanks to a wheelchair donated by the *New Straits Times* and a *Berita Harian* reader.

"I can now join my friends who like to walk around in the neighbourhood and play football at a nearby field," he said after receiving the RM4,500 wheelchair from *Berita Harian* Pahang bureau chief Ahmad Ghazali Musa at his family's home in Felda Bukit Sagu 2 near here.

Muslim also received a cheque for RM1,500 from the newspapers' readers.

Muslim said family members and friends would help push the wheelchair as he could not do it himself.

"Previously, they had to carry me like a small kid. I'm quite heavy now," he said, with a giggle.

His mother, 46-year-old Sarifah Ahmad thanked NST and BH readers for their help.

"We bought him a small wheelchair but it's no longer suitable for him," said Sarifah, who works at a chocolate-making company in Gambang.

She said it would take Muslim some time before he familiarised himself with the new wheelchair.

"The seat is quite high but I think he will soon learn how to climb into it. He's a smart boy and will find ways to solve the problem," she said, adding that Muslim was very independent and could climb into his bed and onto the sofa without help.

The boy will also get a more advanced wheelchair as experts at Universiti Pahang Malaysia are building a four wheel drive wheelchair for him.