

Kindergartens & Nurseries

PERTIWI's first kindergarten in Kampung Sungai Midah, Kuala Lumpur, was such a success that a kindergarten was subsequently established at each place considered PERTIWI's foster village. Set up in 1969, this kindergarten, however, ceased its operations when the village was identified for massive development.

The Kampung Kuantan kindergarten at Kuala Selangor began in 1973 with 20 students registered. This kindergarten carried out activities usually performed at other urban PERTIWI kindergartens, such as having a mini sports day and a graduation ceremony at the end of the school year.

In 1974, PERTIWI launched its first kindergarten at the mosque in Section 16, Petaling Jaya. It was managed by a Committee from PERTIWI.

1975 saw the opening of a kindergarten in the housing area of Shah Alam. There was full involvement from the Selangor State Development Corporation (PKNS), who provided the building that housed the kindergarten.

The PERTIWI kindergarten at Kampung Sungai Nibong Besar in Penang started in 1975. Monitored by the Sungai Nibong 4B Youth Association, the kindergarten ceased its operations in 1984.

In 1977, a kindergarten was opened at Jalan Kemajuan, Petaling Jaya. Operating in a house that was rented by PERTIWI, this kindergarten not only accepted children at pre-school level but also those younger, at nursery age. Situated in a building with a cosy atmosphere and fully equipped with a children's playground, this kindergarten was closed in 1982 when PERTIWI opened a new kindergarten in Kelana Jaya. Located in the Children's Recreational Centre building that was specially provided by PKNS for PERTIWI, the Kelana Jaya Kindergarten began operating on August 1981. Built specifically for children, this building was equipped with amenities suitable for the needs of children, and was able to accommodate several kindergarten classes. This building was the only project in Malaysia that was dedicated to children in conjunction with the International Children's Year 1979.

In 1983, PERTIWI decided to open a nursery to fulfill the needs of caring for babies and toddlers. The nursery was situated in a building that was rented from PKNS and was actually two semi-detached houses that were combined and renovated to meet the requirements of a nursery. Located at Jalan SS 3/53, Petaling Jaya, the response from the public after its opening was encouraging. However, after operating for several months, there was the problem of the very small number of children coming to the nursery. It was noted that mothers would use the nursery facilities only when they were without any household help at home. The absence of children meant no income, and this was not fair to the trained nursery workforce who should be utilised and rewarded accordingly. In 1985, the nursery was finally closed after many discussions by the Committee.

PERTIWI has always emphasised the importance of meeting the required guidelines set by the government in managing and handling kindergarten and nursery projects. The nursery's role was simply to provide daycare to babies and toddlers in the most orderly way, covering their needs in terms of health, psychological and other requirements. As for pre-school children, they were exposed to learning indirectly, when they were encouraged to play and interact with one other.