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KUALA LUMPUR: The cross-ministerial Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) special committee, which will be established next year, should be headed by the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM), says the Parent Action Group for Education (Page).

In welcoming the move, chairman Datin Noor Azimah Abdul Rahim said ASM desperately needs scientists, engineers, technologists, doctors, architects and ICT implementers, along with skilled workers ranging from those with diplomas up to PhD level.

"We like the idea of the cross-ministerial STEM special committee which should perhaps be headed by ASM," she said when contacted.

Earlier today, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim during the tabling of the 2024 Budget announced that a cross-ministerial STEM special committee would be established, among others, to set targets and measures to increase participation in STEM among high school students.

Azimah added; "We would like to know in detail the plans to boost STEM and the setting up of the taskforce and the allocation that would be given.

"At the same time, there must be autonomy given to schools to further develop the Dual Language Programme to boost STEM and feed the digital, innovation and artificial intelligence (AI) talent pool that is envisioned."