

Bulk of RM500mil to repair 600 dilapidated schools

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Part of the RM500 million allocated to the Education Ministry to improve national schools next year will be utilised to repair immediately the infrastructure in 600 national schools throughout the country which are old and need immediate aid.

Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said these schools were identified following a physical auditing process implemented for the first time this year to determine the actual situation of infrastructure in all schools.

"I have decided that out of the RM500 million, which was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak when tabling the 2012 Budget last month to improve the national schools, a major portion would be used to repair the schools which we have listed as in bad shape.

"This is important for us in order to ensure that the quality of learning at these schools do not drop just because the schools are in bad shape and unsafe and need to be repaired," he told reporters after attending an open dialogue with 50 graduands of selected universities to attend the "Teach For Malaysia" (Teach) programme in Kuala Lumpur today.

Commenting on the physical audit process, Muhyiddin, who is also the education minister, said previously the ministry had implemented the process but it was implemented on an ad-hoc basis, while it was now being implemented comprehensively.

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