

**Learn to be self-reliant, Muhyiddin tells grads**  
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PUTRAJAYA - Graduates should learn to be self-reliant and not be overly dependant on the government to be successful, said Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said this did not mean the government would not help them but stressed that the attribute was important for leadership.

"The government will not neglect the welfare of the people, but at the same time, it is also important for the people to be responsible for their own wellbeing," he said at a dinner with representatives of the Student Consultative Council of local higher educational institutions at the Putrajaya International Convention Council (PICC) here Friday.

He said the leadership capabilities of Malaysian graduates could be said to be high not only in leading students but also in aiding the process of the nation's development.

Muhyiddin also outlined three other attributes needed by a person to be a capable leader, which were having good leadership skills, being knowledgeable and being strong spiritually and in terms of character.

These were the attributes the people placed importance in leaders now, he said, adding that universities were the best bastions for student leaders to hone their leadership skills. - Bernama

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