

English Language Teachers To Be Brought In Next Year
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MELAKA -- Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said the government will bring in about 300 teachers from the United States (US) to guide students in the English language beginning next year.

Muhyiddin, who is also the Education Minister, said the English language experts would be assigned to schools categorised in Bands 6 and 7.

"The programme will be implemented in 2012 involving almost RM18 million in terms of cost," he said in his speech at the launch of the Melaka Education Fair 2011, here yesterday.

The programme, he said, was a follow-up to the meeting between US President Barack Obama and ASEAN leaders who attended the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September last year.

At the meeting, Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak suggested that the programme known as the American Peace Corps, which was very popular in the 1960s, be implemented.

The programme had three objectives namely to provide technical assistance, to assist people outside the US to understand the American culture, and to assist the Americans to understand the culture on the other nations.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin said the ministry was considering the possibility of having extra classes for English language after school hours to strengthen the students' command of the language.

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