

Teach Young People To Dare Express New Ideas, Says Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR -- Muhyiddin Yassin is confident the younger generation can contribute to the progress, unity and peace of Malaysia if given the "space and opportunity" to express their views on the future of the nation and their role in it.

The Deputy Prime Minister believes that a love of the nation and the spirit of solidarity and readiness to contribute could be inculcated through such activities as oratorical contests and panel discussions.

"With the young people themselves expressing views on patriotism and unity, I am confident that we can give birth to a generation with a very keen awareness of their role in maintaining solidarity and peace in the country," he said.

He was speaking at the presentation of prizes at the Language and Literature Festival organised by Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka here yesterday.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, said that students in the country should be taught to be bolder in expressing their views in line with the culture of creativity and renovation that was now being developed.

"This is the Malaysian society that we want to shape and give birth to - patriotic, creative, innovative and open-minded," he said.

The festival, organised in collaboration with the Education Ministry and Chinese schools and institutions, is aimed at encouraging the use of Bahasa Malaysia among non-Malay students.

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