

Hishammuddin wants feedback on blueprint

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KUALA LUMPUR: Got a view or idea about the education system? Bring it on, says the Education Ministry.

Its minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein said the ministry would set up an email address and a website or blog for the public to provide feedback on the National Education Blueprint 2006-2010.

He said although the blueprint details the ministry's plans and strategy for the next four years, it was not set in stone.

"It won't just stop after it is launched. It is an ongoing plan and can be adjusted and fine-tuned according to the

needs. I welcome input from all stakeholders," he said after the ministry's post-Cabinet meeting yesterday.

Hishammuddin said due to its wide scope, explanation on some aspects of the blueprint would be given more attention by the ministry.

Among these are the educational gap between rural and urban schools, clusters of excellent schools, information and communication technology, Teachers' Day and uplifting the teaching profession.

"I have also asked for a report on its implementation twice a year," he said.

The blueprint, an A-to-Z guide on the country's educa-

tion system, including its weaknesses, future strategies and how funds are disbursed, is expected to be launched on Jan 16 by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The blueprint, themed "Pioneering Change — A National Mission", will show how the RM23-billion allocation for education will be distributed under the Ninth Malaysia Plan, as well as allow the ministry to explain its direction in key areas such as the strengthening of national schools, access to education and empowering teachers.

It will also be posted on the ministry's website.

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