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Govt plans education revamp

It's high time as current policies date back to 1956, says Muhyiddin

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SURABAYA: The Government is planning a total revamp of the education system to promote a global mindset.

Education Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said a team led by Director-General of Education Datuk Abd Ghafar Mahmud had been entrusted to prepare a report on the proposed review which was expected to be tabled to the prime minister and Cabinet for approval by the year end.

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Muhyiddin said it was high time the system was revamped as the current policies were based on the 1956 Razak Report.

He said some quarters were say-

ing that the Malaysian education system was not on par with other developed nations.

"We have been making changes over the last few decades in terms of curriculum content, infrastructure, learning and teaching process and quality of teaching among others.

"But all the changes were made on piecemeal basis.

"We need to review the entire system in line with the changing times to promote world-class thinking and in-depth learning," he said after meeting with Indonesia Umno Club leaders here yesterday.

"At the same time some people are also not aware of where our education system is heading, as we have the national system, the vernacular schools and international schools," he added.

Muhyiddin also said that his meeting with young billionaires and entrepreneurs had been fruitful.

"We have impressed upon them the liberalisation of our economy in many sectors, especially the service sector, the government transformation plan and the economic transformation plan.

"One of them enquired about set-

ting up a marine-based feed mill in Malaysia while another asked about the possibility of setting up a caddy academy," he said, adding that many were also interested in real estate.

"Malaysia was a viable investment destination," he said.

Muhyiddin also slammed the opposition for misleading the world on the Bersih rally held last Saturday.

"If the Government is cruel as claimed by the opposition, I will not be part of it because I am not a mean person," he said.