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# Education blueprint roll-out on Sept 11

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**MAJOR SHAKE-UP:** It will be implemented in three waves over 13 years

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**T**HE National Education Policy Review Blueprint will be launched next month and will see major improvements to the current national education system.

Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said yesterday the blueprint would cover all aspects of the syllabus, right down to the structure of the Education Ministry.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak would launch the blueprint at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on Sept 11.

"After the blueprint's launch, it will be made public for feedback for three months before being finalised by the cabinet by year-end.

"The blueprint will be implemented in three waves over the next 13 years, with the first being over three years, and the second and third being five years each," he said at his Hari Raya open house at the Pekembar Complex here.

Present were his wife, Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman, and well-wishers, including Pagoh Barisan Nasional and community leaders.

Muhyiddin said the initial wave would prioritise areas that were easy to implement but would have impact without changes to the current structure and finance.

He said it was hoped that by 2025, Malaysia would become one of the world's top nations in education.

Muhyiddin did not dismiss the possibility that new subjects would be introduced, especially at the secondary school level.

He said Najib had made a suggestion that English Literature be introduced as a new subject.

"It is a good idea, but we have to look into its implementation properly as at present we have English Language as a single subject, incorporating all areas of the language.

"This is important as any additional subject will affect the current students' daily schedule."

Muhyiddin, who is also Pagoh member of parliament, said the public wanted the government to improve and fine-tune the current education system based on the series of nationwide dialogues held earlier.

"The proposed changes will look at major shifts, including in the English Language, Mathematics and Science as well as the quality of teachers."

Muhyiddin also stressed the importance of the realignment of the Education Ministry staff to state and district levels where they could become better involved in improving the performance of schools.