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PM to launch education plan

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DPM: Blueprint comprises views and suggestions

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MUAR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak will launch the national education blueprint on Sept 11.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the document comprised views, recommendations and feedback to enhance the country's education system.

"After the launch at the KL Convention Centre, the blueprint will be displayed for public viewing.

"The contents will also be finalised before being tabled to the Cabinet by year-end," he said at his Hari Raya open house in Pagoh yesterday.

He said former education director-general Tan Sri Dr Wan Zahid Mohd Noordin, who headed the panel facilitating the nationwide dialogue series, had received thou-

sands of suggestions.

"The sessions were conducted with stakeholders nationwide over the course of three months," said Muhyiddin.

One of the suggestions came from Najib himself and it involves introducing English Literature to improve the proficiency of students in the language.

Muhyiddin said the move would encourage students to read in English and help them to master the language faster.

The implementation of the blueprint will be carried out in three stages over the course of 13 years with the first course to run for a three-year period and the second and third over five-year periods.

"During the first three-year period, priority will be given to all aspects of education that can be easily implemented and which will make an impact without changing

the entire structure or incur huge financial implications," he added.

The Government had formed a panel last year, comprising educationists and corporate leaders, to review the education system in nine priority areas.

The nine priority areas are teachers, school leaders, school quality, curriculum and evaluation, multilingual proficiency, post-school opportunities, the role of parents and the community, the efficacy of resources and information sharing and the administrative structure of the Education Ministry.

The panel was headed by Al-Bukhary International University vice-chancellor Tan Sri Dzulkifli Abdul Razak and the panellists included corporate figures such as AirAsia Bhd chief executive officer Tan Sri Tony Fernandes and Sunway Group and Jeffrey Cheah Foundation chairman Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah.



Welcoming guests: Muhyiddin greeting well-wishers during his Hari Raya open house in Pagoh. Johor Baru. — Bernama