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6 education measures on track

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CHALLENGING:

We should not be complacent, says Muhyiddin

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SIX initiatives of the Malaysia Education Blueprint (PPPM) 2013-2025 have been implemented within the first 100 days of its launch.

The initiatives, which were part of the National Key Result Area, was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak on July 11, 2009.

"The first 100 days had been challenging and I would like to congratulate the education workforce in realising the human capital agenda," said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

"However, we must not be complacent for we still have a long way to go. The education transformation we adopt today not only affects the 5.5 million students now but also generations to come. This first 100 days should chart our path to provide the best education in the many more years to come."

He was speaking at the event commemorating the Achievement of the First 100 Days of PPPM 2013-2025 at SM Jalan 4 in Bandar Baru Bangi here yesterday.

Muhyiddin, who is also education minister, said the six initiatives were part of the 25 initiatives given priority to be implemented this year. He added that the initiatives implemented were the 1Agenda initiative; Education Performance and Delivery (Padu) unit and Corporation; parents' toolkit;



Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin being welcomed by students at the event to commemorate the Achievement of the First 100 Days of Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2025 at SM Jalan 4 in Bandar Baru Bangi yesterday. Pic by Sairien Nafis

English proficiency of educators; the district transformation programme; and the e-Guru video library.

The 1Agenda initiative is a combination of four government policies: the PPPM, Government Transformation Plan, Economic Transformation Plan and the 10th Malaysia Plan.

Out of 100 initiatives, 25 will be given focus this year involving efficient and transparent government policies' implementation.

The Padu unit and Corporation initiative were established to report on the status of the PPPM to the education minister. It will also

be tasked with contributing fund to implement the initiatives. Padu will be headed by chief executive officer Datuk Dr Rujhan Mustafa.

To address the English proficiency of teachers, 61,000 English educators sat an English proficiency test, through the Cambridge placement test. This is to increase the quality and standard of teachers in preparation for the implementation of the must-pass requirement in Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia beginning 2016.

The PPPM has also come up with a parents' toolkit to help encourage learning not only in school but also at home and in the community.

The initiative, launched on Feb 24, was attended by 5,000 parents, teachers and non-governmental organisations. About 10,000 toolkits were given to schools nationwide.

To raise the quality of teachers and leaders, district education offices will collaborate with schools under the district transformation programme.

Muhyiddin said the district transformation programme had been pioneered in Sabah and Kedah, where 352 trainers through the School Development Expert Trainers and Development Guide Partner programmes had been ap-

pointed among lecturers from the teachers training institutes, Institut Aminuddin Baki and excellent teachers. They had been deployed full-time at the district education offices.

"The education officers who have been appointed will provide support to the principals, headmasters and teachers who are in Bands 6 and 7."

The 6th initiative that was successfully implemented was the compilation of teaching and education videos known as e-Guru. This can be accessed via a virtual library as a reference to teachers on good teaching practices.