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Nice to meet you: Muhyiddin waving to a group of MGS pupils after officially opening the school campus in Bandar Seri Sendayan.

Last official function as minister

SEREMBAN: Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's last official event as Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister was the opening of the Matrix Global Schools (MGS) campus at Bandar Sri Sendayan near here.

There was already speculation earlier yesterday that he might not turn up for the event following talk of an impending Cabinet reshuffle.

Muhyiddin arrived at MGS campus at about 10.15am and was ushered to its main hall by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan.

In his speech Muhyiddin congratulated the management of MGS for providing an opportunity to students who wished to study in a private or international school.

MGS, which comprises the Matrix International Pre-School, Matrix International School and Matrix Private School, opened its doors last September and already has an enrolment of 426 students.

Modelled after the 130-year-old

Ellesmere College, a prestigious British residential school, the MGS campus has full fledged facilities equivalent to most universities including auditoriums, lecture theatres, music rooms, recording studios and a performing arts centre.

Media personnel and television crews, many of whom had arrived from Kuala Lumpur, tried to corner him as he walked out of the hall but he only offered a smile to questions from reporters on his future plans.

His daughter Najwa Mahiaddin later tweeted "Allah knows best", retweeting a photo posted by @Farid_Farish of her father hugging his wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman after the announcement was made.

Later in the evening, Muhyiddin received many visitors at his house in Jalan Setiabakti in Kuala Lumpur.

Among them were Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir and Cheras Umno chief Datuk Syed Ali Alhabshi.

Ummi Hafida Ali, a key witness to former opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy case, was also among the stream of visitors.

Ummi, who is a member of the Gombak Wanita division, said she was very disappointed with the developments and declared that she was quitting the party.

Muhyiddin's brother Tan Sri Abdul Aziz said the former deputy prime minister was holding up well.

"There's nothing to be sad about. It's part of politics," he said, adding that Muhyiddin's only plan was to help strengthen the party.

Former Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal, who was also dropped from the Cabinet, was among those who were at Muhyiddin's house.

"Never be worried and never be sad when you fight for the people," he said as he left the house.

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