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# Science vital in driving our economy: Muhyiddin

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Science is most essential in driving Malaysia's economy as it is the key to creating jobs and generating income, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said many elements important for fostering and using good science are well embedded in national economic development plans.

"But achieving this requires a good relationship between science and society, based on trust in science and scientists," he said at the welcoming ceremony of the

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3rd United Nations Secretary-General Scientific Advisory Board Meeting here.

Muhyiddin said for the past three decades, Malaysia had undergone a period of rapid and sustained growth facilitated by the government through market liberalisation, offering incentives for investment, removing barriers and encouraging the private sector to help co-develop the country's progress.

"We have put in place policies, regulations and guidelines to promote sustainable development - for a clean, safe and healthy environment for all Malaysians," he said.