

## **Muhyiddin wants education offices to have more power to decide**

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JOHOR BARU: The Education Ministry is seeking ways to enhance the role of district education offices and their decision-making functions.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who is also Education Minister, said that currently many of the decision-making powers lay with officials at the higher levels within the ministry.

"We want to remove red tape and allow more decisions to be made at the district level," he said after opening the new Kulaijaya district education building here yesterday.

"District education offices play an important role in getting feedback and getting connected to the schools and students. That is why we feel that more authority should be given to them."

Muhyiddin, who also attended a closed-door meeting with Johor Umno members, said he was happy with the state-level preparations for the general election.

"Mentri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman has been going around the state to assess the support we have. However, state Barisan leaders should not take the strong support from the Johor people for granted."

In KLUANG during a meet-the-people session at Kampung Baru Machap, Muhyiddin hoped the people of Johor would make comparison on development results by Barisan Nasional and the Opposition when deciding their choice in the coming general election.

He said the Government's transformation initiatives had brought Malaysia to a new level which benefited the people.

Muhyiddin also said the decision by PAS to set up a steering committee to monitor decisions made by the Kedah government showed that the party had no faith in Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak.

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