

**Government Committed Towards Encouraging Quality Research - Muhyiddin
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IPOH, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- The government is committed towards encouraging quality research to spur the country's development, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said.

Muhyiddin, who is the education minister, said science was an important field and a catalyst to innovation.

"Malaysia also wants young scientists to continue 'lighting up the torch' for research works not only for the benefit of the country but also for the global community," he said in his speech at the "Perak Expo for Young Scientists" here today.

Deputy Education Minister Dr Puad Zarkashi read out his speech.

Muhyiddin said it was not impossible for the country to create its own Einstein or Newton in the future.

He also said that technology was also capable of bringing rapid changes to a country.

Citing the Global Innovation Index Conference in Geneva, Switzerland on June 30, he said there were discussions on the transformation taking place in the Gulf countries.

For instance, he said, the United Arab Emirates invested heavily in new technologies, transforming it into a modern country and proving to the world that they too were able to master technology and not merely rely on oil resources to drive their economy.

"In Malaysia, we too should set out to transform our country and make it more competitive," he said, adding that there were numerous grants provided to researchers, particularly by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation.

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