

Education Ministry Prepared To Train Religious Teachers
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PORT DICKSON, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- The Education Ministry is prepared to provide training programmes to all teachers, leaders and founders of public and private sector Islamic religious schools, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said it was something that cannot be avoided as the Islamic community will face bigger challenges in the future.

"We want the Muslims to be successful people, be a role model for others, not just here but for the whole world.

"That's why we must create Muslims with a well rounded education born from a quality education system carried out by an educated force," he said at a meeting with teachers from religious and fardu ain classes (KAFA), Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Agama (SMKA) and Sekolah Agama Bantuan Kerajaan (SABK) at the Sekolah Menengah Vokasional in Port Dickson, here Saturday.

Also present were Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, Works Minister Datuk Seri Shaziman Mansor and Education director-general Datuk Abdul Ghafar Mahmud.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, presented building fund allocations worth RM2.95 million to 20 religious schools during the event.

"Our aim is to assist and not to take over the role or authority of the state.

"Our role is to guide Muslim children in religious matters which cannot be neglected," he said.

Muhyiddin said there were state governments who could not afford to run their religious schools in an organised manner or pay the teachers due to limited resources.

Trained and guided teachers will be able to cascade all knowledge to their students, he added.

"We don't want our children to be influenced by elements that could shake their faith. That's why quality education and learning is stressed upon," he said.

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