

**Preschool Teachers And Childminders To Have Better Qualification - DPM
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- Preschool teachers and childminders in the country will need to have better qualifications in future, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said the Education Ministry was in the process of drawing up mechanisms and requirements that would enable the teachers and minders to gain higher qualification in the near future.

Muhyiddin, who is also the Education Minister, said this was necessary because although the government had carried out various training programmes to raise the skills of these teachers and childminders, they were still inadequate to produce preschool teachers of world standard.

"The more knowledge that the teachers have, the more skilled will they be, and their functions as educators in the children's formative and critical years will be more effective in the children's development," he said when launching the ECCE - Early Childcare and Education Council, here Thursday.

Citing an example, he said Russia had long given recognition to preschool education and their teaching manpower had doctorate qualifications or at least a masters degree

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