

**Change Of Minister Does Not Affect National Education Policy, Says Muhyiddin
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PUTRAJAYA, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin Monday stated that a change of education minister would not affect the national education policy.

He said he was aware that some quarters claimed that a new education minister would introduce new policies each time and this adversely affected the national education system.

"The government always ensures that national education is able to fulfil current needs and aspirations.

"We always ensure there is continuity....that a new policy introduced will further improve the national education policy," he said in a special interview at the introduction of a book titled "Sudut Pandang Muhyiddin Yassin" (Muhyiddin Yaasin's Point of View), here, Monday.

Muhyiddin who is also Education Minister, said the ministry was studying the Razak Report 1956 and Rahman Talib Report 1960 hile taking into consideration the views of education experts from inside and country, including from Unesco.

He said the study was important as the world including Malaysia had gone through major changes and as such, many factors had to be taken into consideration.

"It's over 40 years now; I think it's a long time and there has been no comprehensive report on the national education system. Therefore, we decided to study again the matter so that there exists an education system that runs parallel with the nation's development.

"A complete report is expected to be ready next year which takes into consideration the views of all stakeholders," he said.

Muhyiddin said the study would see how much had the country's education system achieved thus far, to re-evaluate whether the goals previously outlined had been met or not, and more importantly, to determine the education direction in facing the next decade.

"The outcome of the study will be tabled before the panel of experts who have the responsibility of analysing it and giving input for our next plan."

Muhyiddin also disclosed that the ministry would identify good practices at all excellent schools to be extended to other schools.

"I think it's not a matter of infrastructure but strong leadership of the teachers that differentiate the top schools from the rest," he said.

As for "Sudut Pandangan Muhyiddin Yassin", the book published by the Malaysian National Institute of Translation and priced at RM40, touches on 14 policy matters including education transformation under Muhyiddin's stewardship since becoming education minister in April 2009.

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