

**Good Cooperation Between Federal BN Govt And Sarawak BN Govt Must Continue -
Muhyiddin
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BINTULU, Feb 25 (Bernama) - The good cooperation between federal Barisan Nasional (BN) government and Sarawak BN government led by Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud has brought rapid development to the state.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said that with close cooperation, the federal government could map strategies to develop Sarawak, including oil and gas based projects in Bintulu.

He said the state plays an important role in ensuring that the economic development planed is achieved, thus helping the country achieve developed nation status by 2020.

"The good relations must be maintained for the continuation of economic development that bring benefits to the people," he said at a dinner with the people at Dewan Suarah Bintulu here, Friday night.

Muhyiddin said the federal government will ensure that no area or Sarawakian are left out of mainstream economic development.

This is in line with the government vision via the national development transformation programme which emphasises the involvement of people in all aspects such as economic opportunity.

He said although developed countries like United States, Greece, Portugal, Spain and Italy had been hit by severe economic problems in recent years, Malaysia still achieved impressive economic growth of 5.1 percent last year.

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