

**J-QAF Programme In Secondary Schools By Middle Of Next Year - Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- The teaching of Jawi, Al-Quran, Arabic and Fardu Ain or religious obligations (J-QAF) will be extended to the secondary schools beginning the middle of next year, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Saturday.

Muhyiddin, who is also the Education Minister, said the implementation of the J-Qaf programme in 4,747 primary schools since 2005 had proven to be most effective when 94 per cent of the primary school pupils mastered the four skills namely Jawi, Al-Quran, Arabic language and Fardhu Ain.

"The pioneer J-Qaf programme for secondary schools will be implemented in the middle of 2012 while its full implementation will be in 2013," he said in his winding up speech at the Umno General Assembly 2011, here.

Muhyiddin said the Education Ministry would provide assistance and support to all government-aided religious schools and Sekolah Agama Rakyat (Public Religious Schools) in the country.

He urged all the Sekolah Agama Rakyat (SAR) to register with the ministry so that a more systematic assistance could be channeled and thus indirectly increase access to Islamic education to parents who wanted their children to receive Islamic education.

Muhyiddin said the proposal that the Education Ministry set up the 'Sekolah Kebangsaan Agama' or National Religious Schools would be scrutinised to ensure its effectiveness.

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