

**Ministry To Hold National Education Dialogue From Next Month: DPM
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MUAR, March 3 (Bernama) -- The Education Ministry will hold a nationwide National Education Dialogue series from next month to obtain views from various parties to further improve the country's education system.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the dialogue was part of a comprehensive review of the country's education system which began last year.

"Indeed we have achieved tremendous progress but in an increasingly competitive world to date, we need to relook at our education system -- what are its strengths and weaknesses.

"The National Education Dialogue will listen to the views, recommendations and ideas from the various strata of the society, from the various races and from the stakeholders," he said.

Muhyiddin, who is Education Minister, was speaking to reporters after handing over the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) to recipients under the Jorak state constituency at the National Youth Skills Institute, here today.

Muhyiddin said the dialogue would be participated by a special panel tasked with explaining the initiative and to receive any proposal or memorandum concerning the subject.

"This is the most opportune time (to submit any proposal to improve the country's education system) in line with the '1Malaysia, People First, Performance Now' concept.

"We want the people, whether they are Malay, Chinese or Indian to come forward and make their views known on how we can improve on the system and what needs to be added or changed," he said.

The dialogue would take place for several months this year, after which a report would be made and forwarded to the experts before being tabled to the people, Muhyiddin said.

It will later be forwarded to the government and be made a basis to draw up a new education report for the ministry to implement.

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