

**Malaysia's Transformation An Evolutionary Process - Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 7 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said tonight that the transformation that Malaysia is undergoing now is an evolutionary process whereby all efforts that are being put in place will only bear fruit in the future.

"Thus, the measure of our success is not the amount of efforts that we put in now, but the magnitude of outcome that will result in the future.

"Of course, we cannot expect success overnight, but I believe if we work hard and smart, and work together as a nation, succeed we surely will," he said at the American Universities Alumni of Malaysia's (AUAM) 35th anniversary celebration dinner, here.

He noted that in driving transformation, the country would continue to face challenges of striking a right balance of economic and social development, of embracing globalisation and national identity, of modernisation and preservation of cultural heritage, and of an impatient young generation.

Muhyiddin, who is Education Minister, said that in the face of these challenges, the government continued to strive for a balanced holistic education guided by the spirit and intent of the National Education Philosophy.

Present at the dinner was AUAM president Tan Sri Dr Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman.

Muhyiddin said the government realised that improving the quality of education was a continuous process.

He said the country could not be contented with great achievements in the past because what was needed was to prepare the young generation to face new challenges in the future.

"This is the reason why I recently announced the comprehensive review of our education system. We need to relook at the various aspects of our education and improve on them.

"We want our education system to produce highly skilled and knowledgeable human capital that will propel our country forward into the next phase of economic development," Muhyiddin said.

In realising this goal, he said, there was a need to leverage on the country's existing strengths and learn from the best systems in the world to deliver the best results.

"I believe that with the support of over 400,000 teachers, five million students and 28 million Malaysians, we will uplift the standard of our education and make it comparable, if not better than the best education system in the world today," the deputy prime minister said.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin received a special award at the event for his efforts in steering Malaysia towards excellence in the field of education and becoming a world-class nation.

Established in 1997, AUAM is a non-profit organisation which promotes interaction among Malaysian alumni of American universities.

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