

Be in frontline of innovation, DPM tells academics
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 10 — Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin wants academics to be in the frontline of discovery and innovation, and take the lead in the National Innovation Movement as announced in Budget 2012.

“The government has allocated RM100 million for the purpose of encouraging innovation among the people,” he said today at the National Academic Awards ceremony here.

“I hope that academics in various expertise will take this chance and be a part of the movement,” he added.

Last Friday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who is also Finance Minister, had announced an allocation of RM100 million in Budget 2012 to carry out several strategic initiatives under the National Innovation Movement to promote innovation which has been identified as the enabler to shift the economic value chain to a higher level.

Muhyiddin today presented a total of 12 awards to academics from various public institutions. The 2010 National Academic Iconic Award went to UPM’s Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Omar Abdul Rahman.

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