

**Detailed Report On Improving Education System Being Completed  
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BARAM, Feb 25 (Bernama) -- The Education Ministry will prepare a detailed report on initiatives taken to raise the competency of teachers in line with the need to churn out highly skilled human capital, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said the report was expected to be completed before year end and would take into consideration feedback from everyone concerned in the efforts to create a high quality education system in the country.

Speaking at a press conference after attending a Special Meeting With Educators and the Community at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Tinjar, here, Muhyiddin, who is also the Education Minister, said he was still dissatisfied with the level of achievement under the existing education system.

"If we look at the level of competency (of Malaysian teachers) in the international benchmark, there is still a significant difference (compared) with the other countries," he said.

He said that in efforts to complete the report, nine working groups had been created to study the areas of education to be given emphasis.

Several dialogues on national education would also be held and the stakeholders would be invited to give their opinions, he said.

The minister said that the country was facing competition from the other countries and it was most important for all educators to raise their skill.

In his speech earlier, Muhyiddin said the national education system must always be updated so that it suited the current and future needs of the country.

He said although the existing education system had helped the country significantly especially in eradicating poverty, the current focus was to churn out highly-skilled human capital with an analytical and creative mind.

"In order to train our children to be more analytical and creative, our teachers must also be more analytical and critical," he said.

At the function, Muhyiddin announced an allocation of RM2.8 million for various physical improvement projects for nine primary schools in Baram, besides approving RM3 million for the improvement of water supply system for SMK Tinjar.

He also handed aid from the Poor Students Trust Fund (KWAMP) worth RM25.4 million for 13,495 students throughout Sarawak.

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