

4,374 Schools Receive RM987.1 Mln Allocation Next Month
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 18 (Bernama) -- A total of 4,374 schools throughout the country will receive an allocation totalling RM987.1 million in stages beginning next month.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said that of the total, RM900 million was from the Special Fund for the construction, improvement and maintenance of schools.

He said that from the Special Fund, RM500 million would be allocated to government schools namely National Schools/National Secondary Schools while RM100 million each would be allocated to National Type Chinese Schools (SJKC), National Type Tamil Schools (SJKT), Mission Schools and Government-Aided Religious Schools to be spent within three years beginning this year.

Muhyiddin, who is also the Education Minister, said another RM87.1 million would be for the Rural Incentive Project for the construction and upgrading of the school 'surau' throughout the country to be spent this year.

He disclosed this when launching the handing over of the special aid under the Special Incentive Package (PRK) to schools nationwide, here today.

Muhyiddin said the decision of the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, in approving a substantial allocation for the Education Ministry in the 2012 Budget showed that the national leadership had always been concerned about education.

He said it was important to have a complete infrastructure and facilities of good quality so that the learning process could be carried out in comfort.

"For this purpose, I had taken the initiative to carry out a physical audit of schools throughout the country which had now been completed. Out of the 10,000 schools that were audited, 600 schools were reported to be in very bad shape.

"As a result, we must ensure that the schools receive adequate allocation in the improvement projects especially in Sabah and Sarawak," he said.

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