

## **Malaysia Ready To Take Leading Role In Credit Transfer System Harmonisation Project**

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YOGYAKARTA, July 5 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is willing to take the leading role in the Regional Credit Transfer System Harmonisation project to facilitate the recognition of qualifications and learning and student mobility in the ASEAN region and beyond.

Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Malaysia looked forward to working with East Asia Summit member countries and other regional institutions in the endeavour.

"We would like to initiate the project with any interested member states and institutions," he said at the first East Asia Summit (EAS) Education Ministers Meeting here Thursday.

Muhyiddin said that although much work had been done in the area of credit transfer at the ASEAN level, there was a need for a concerted initiative to facilitate and accelerate harmonisation at the regional level.

This, he said, was because the development of internal qualifications framework and quality assurance systems in different countries was at different stages of the journey towards harmonisation.

"In this regard, we need to develop an umbrella framework on credit transfer to support the expansion of student mobility across member states and dialogue partners," he said.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, was here to attend the Asean Education Ministers Meeting, the Asean Plus Three Education Ministers Meeting and EAS Education Ministers Meeting, which started yesterday. The meetings ended today.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the number of students seeking to enhance learning and experience through education abroad using various kinds of arrangements, including credit transfer systems had been on the rise.

"We note that a regional credit transfer system supports harmonisation in national higher education systems and removes unnecessary barriers to student mobility.

"We also note that today, recognition of credits and qualifications for student mobility is further facilitated and enhanced where there are qualifications framework, quality assurance systems and supportive policies in place," he said.

Muhyiddin, who is currently on a six-day visit to Indonesia, later left for Bali where he is among others, scheduled to meet Bali Governor I Made Mangku Pastika as well as Malaysian students studying on the island.

On the earlier part of the visit since Tuesday, the Deputy Prime Minister had held talks with Indonesian Vice President Boediono to enhance bilateral cooperation and relations and resolve bilateral issues which often cause friction at the people-to-people level of both countries.

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