

Malaysia To Enhance Cooperation With Australia In English Language Programme
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YOGYAKARTA, July 5 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Malaysia will continue to enhance cooperation in education with Australia especially in the learning of English as a second language.

He said the cooperation was not just to meet the English teaching staff strength but more importantly to improve the proficiency of the English language teachers in Malaysia.

"Apart from increasing the number of teachers, we will also be taking in English language experts from Australia or send our teachers there for training.

"We are exploring all these but no decisions have been made," Muhyiddin told reporters at the end of the first East Asia Summit (EAS) Education Ministers Meeting here Thursday.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, today held a bilateral meeting with Australian Higher Education Minister Christopher Evans on the sidelines of the EAS meeting.

There are now 60,000 English language teachers at both primary and secondary schools throughout Malaysia.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the learning of English as a second language cooperation programme between Malaysia and Australia was a continuation of cooperation in several programmes before this.

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