

Mini RTC: Another Major Government Initiative In Transforming Rural Sector

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SELAMA, July 12 (Bernama) -- The Mini Rural Transformation Centre (Mini RTC) is another proof of the government's major initiatives in transforming the rural sector and its community, said Tan Sri Muhyuddin Yassin.

The deputy prime minister said some of the 237 Medan Infodesa (MID) or Rural Information Arenas would be upgraded into mini RTCs to provide better facilities for rural folk, particularly in obtaining services, information and support services like training and computer courses.

"This is a big shift for rural development. The national transformation policy is not just about developing the economic and political sectors, but the government also wants to see the rural sector getting the fairest treatment possible through the Mini RTCs, among the initiatives," he said after launching the Sungai Siputeh Mini RTC, here, today.

"With this approach, the rural community also have the opportunity to increase their income and improve their standard of living."

Muhyiddin said the existence of Mini RTCs throughout the country was a big shift towards rural sector transformation.

He said the Mini RTCs played the role of one-stop centres to rural entrepreneurs and the community as a whole to obtain support courses and government services.

The MIDs, introduced in 2001 under the Rural and Regional Development Ministry, are training centres equipped with information communication technology (ICT) infrastructure and 667,500 rural residents have been using the facility.

In line with the Rural Transformation Programme announced by the prime minister during the tabling of the 2012 Budget, some MIDs will be changed into RTCs with more functions.

At today's launching of the Sungai Siputeh Mini RTC, Muhyiddin also performed the ground-breaking for the building of the 44-metre Sungai Siputeh-Telok Mas bridge across Selama River.

The deputy prime minister together with over 6,000 people also enjoyed a feast and seasonal fruits such as durian, rambutan and mangosteen at the Mini RTC.

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