

Muhyiddin Receives Courtesy Call From U.S. Ambassador To Malaysia
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PUTRAJAYA, Jan 3 (Bernama) - Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today received a courtesy call from United States ambassador to Malaysia Datuk Paul W. Jones at his office, here, Thursday.

During the one-hour meeting, Muhyiddin who is also Education Minister and Jones discussed ways to strengthen bilateral ties in education, especially the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) programme to help raise English proficiency in secondary schools in the country.

Last year, 50 Fulbright ETAs from the United States were placed in selected secondary schools in Terengganu, Johor and Pahang and assisted Malaysian teachers in the teaching of the English language.

This year, the ETA programme will be expanded to Perak and a total of 75 Fulbright ETAs will begin a 10-month assignment to enrich and enhance English instruction in selected schools in the four states to produce more outstanding students with good command of English.

The programme is a shared commitment between US President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to expanding bilateral people-to-people relations.

The ETA programme is jointly administered by the Malaysian-American Commission on Education Exchange and the Education Ministry.

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