

**Government Willing To Make Large Investments For Education - Muhyiddin
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KULAIJAYA, April 16 (Bernama) -- The government is willing to continue allocating large investments for education in order to develop highly educated citizens, said Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that education had always been a priority of the government since independence.

"It's alright for the government to spend billions on education as it will generate highly qualified human capital, which we need to build the nation, economically and socially," said Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister.

He was speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony of Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Bukit Batu here Tuesday.

"We will not only focus on urban citizens but also pay attention to rural folks as well, in order to implement an equal education system," he added.

"The Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak) is working very hard and will not rest until Malaysia is a developed country.

"We've come a long way from a population of seven million to 28 million and have progressed in all areas," he said.

He said the RM30-million SMK Batu would be able to accommodate almost 1,000 students and was expected to be completed in two years time.

At present, the residents have to send their children to SMK Kelapa Sawit about 14km away and the new school will greatly ease their hardship, he said.

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