

Muhyiddin Wants Task Force Formed To Monitor Work Progress Of Higher Education Hub
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PAGOH, April 21 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin wants a task force formed to monitor the construction work progress of the Bandar Universiti Higher Education Hub here.

He said the task force could ensure every construction phase of the tertiary education institution at the education hub was completed on schedule.

"We need to set up the task force to be updated on the work progress of all the development phases of the higher education institution.

"If there are problems, we can take immediate action to sort out the problems so that work will not be delayed," he said when opening the temporary campus for Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia at Taman Pagoh Jaya, here.

The bandar Universiti Higher Education Hub is being jointly developed in collaboration with the Higher Education Ministry and Sime Darby Bhd on a 204 hectare site in Jorak Mukim, here.

The RM992.6 million facility is being built under the Private Financing Initiative (PFI).

The four tertiary learning institutions being built under the first phase are Bandar Universiti Higher Education Hub, International Islamic University Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Research Centre and Pagoh Polytech.

The institutions, slated for completion in 2016, can accommodate about 10,000 students.

Muhyiddin said opening of the education hub, which is regarded as the "valley of knowledge", could develop human capital to meet the manpower demand in various economic and industrial sectors.

The Deputy Prime Minister, meanwhile, praised the Bandar Universiti Higher Education Hub for being the earliest tertiary learning institution to provide feedback to open a campus at the education hub here to cope with the increasing number of students at the main campus in Parit Raja, Batu Pahat.

"I hope the Bandar Universiti Higher Education Hub will be the pioneer to have taken the first step for the long-term plan to transform the institutions at the hub into excellent centres of tertiary education and leading education hubs," he said.

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