

**Malaysia To Become Focal Point For Lifelong Learning Plan**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 14 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will become the focal point of a lifelong strategic education plan among Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries next year when the quality of skills and technical learning is increased.

Higher Education Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Ab Rahim Md Noor said the latest on the plan, launched by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin in 2011, was seen as being able to attract several Asian and European countries to emulate similar plans in their respective nations.

"The 4th Asia-Europe Meeting of Ministers for Education (ASEMME4) is regarded as a method for us to provide more awareness on Malaysia's role in this field, to the world," he told reporters, here, today.

Ab Rahim said the plan was at the monitoring stage to decide on what course is implemented in government agencies and ministries for upgrades, as well as continuously create awareness to the public, on the benefits of lifelong learning.

Realising this need, Ab Rahim said the ministry had begun a road show at community colleges to allow the community to understand the necessity of lifelong learning and to attract them to study.

He said involvement of the local industry was the best platform to increase the community's interest in lifelong learning through various contributions, exposure and job opportunities.

Through the ASEMME4 which began last Sunday, he said Malaysia had agreed to organise a dialogue to ensure the recognition of quality of higher education in Asia can be reached to facilitate transfer of credits between universities.

"Following this, Japan has agreed to set up a quality assurance centre in Asia to ensure the quality and accreditation of a university can be guaranteed," he said.

The three-day meeting which began on Sunday was attended by 152 participants consisting of education ministers and senior officers from 32 ASEM countries.

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