

**Awang Had Salleh Made Great Contribution To Nation - Muhyiddin
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PUTRAJAYA, July 1 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has described Tan Sri Dr Awang Had Salleh as a towering figure in education who had made great contribution to the nation, particularly in language and culture.

"He had served as Education Ministry special adviser. The country appreciates his contribution. I would like to offer my condolences to family members of the deceased.

"May his soul be placed among the faithful," Muhyiddin told reporters after performing the funeral prayer for Awang Had at the Putra Mosque here today.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Putrajaya Corporation president Tan Sri Aseh Che Mat were among those who joined the prayer.

A renowned academic and literary figure, Awang Had died from lung complications at the age of 79 at the Putrajaya Hospital at about 3am today.

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