

Muhyiddin: My Mother, My Biggest Inspiration For A Successful Life
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 20 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said his mother was his biggest inspiration to achieve a successful life, besides his wife who always gave him encouragement.

The deputy prime minister said his mother had inspired and spurred him to succeed despite only having studied at a "sekolah dewasa", a special school for adults to learn and write in the old days.

"My mother had no chance to go to a proper school. But of course the thing which inspired us most was her determination to see that her children go to school that would make us better individuals.

"I think one of the biggest, I would say, satisfaction for her was to see her children become adults who could contribute to society and play a role in developing the country.

"So, I would say that my mother, who passed away a long time ago, was one of my biggest inspirations," he said during a question-and-answer session at the 11th Women's Summit, here, today when asked on the woman who inspired him the most.

Also present were his wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman and Minister of Women, Family and Community Development Datuk Rohani Abdul Karim.

On a suggestion from the floor that the government should provide tax exemption for families that spent money for their children's education, Muhyiddin said such a suggestion could be forwarded to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak who was now preparing for the upcoming 2014 Budget.

On equal pay for men and women, Muhyiddin said it was not an issue anymore since men and women were now equally paid.

"I am not too sure about the private sector, if it (the pay) is based on qualifications, merit and experience. It is not really a major issue," he said.

However, he said, if there were such cases in the private sector, a complaint should be filed and investigation carried out to ensure women were not discriminated.

Later, Muhyiddin presented the inaugural 'Life At Work' award to the top three employers - CIMB Group, IBM and Nestle.

The award recognises and celebrates the top three employers with leading workplace strategies that demonstrate commitment to assist employees achieve better success at work and in their personal lives by promoting diversity, work-life balance and flexible work arrangements.

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