

**Sarawak Endowed With Ingredients For Greater Progress - Muhyiddin
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KUCHING, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- A stable leadership and a strong support from the people continue to be the key ingredients that will enable Sarawak to enjoy a huge shift in development for years to come, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said the state government led by Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud had demonstrated Sarawak's ability to scale greater progress and advancement.

"With a stable government, it is easier for us to plan a development agenda appropriately and systematically," Muhyiddin said at an Aidilfitri open house hosted by the state government here Wednesday.

He said the Sarawak development plan received a strong backing from the people who had been supporting the state leadership.

"We already have the ingredients... the federal government will give a special attention to the areas of development that we have planned (for Sarawak)," he said.

Muhyiddin said human capital was one of the areas given emphasis to ensure that the people of Sarawak received the best education and training to drive development.

"It is important for us to invest in human capital in order to further develop the state and the country," he said.

On the Aidilfitri celebration, he said the people should be grateful that they were able to celebrate the festival in a peaceful atmosphere unlike in several Muslim countries.

He said the practice of an open house during festivals in the country was something special as it was not a norm in other countries.

"This remarkable practice must be safeguarded and maintained as our strength despite racial and religious diversity," he said.

Present were Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Alfred Jab, who represented Abdul Taib, and several state ministers.

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