

Muhyiddin Visits SKM Gelang Patah, A Trust School
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JOHOR BAHRU, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on Thursday visited Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Gelang Patah, one of the 13 trust schools in the country.

Muhyiddin, who is also education minister, spent more than an hour looking at the infrastructure at the school and attended a closed-door briefing on its growth and performance.

A trust school is managed jointly by Yayasan AMIR, and civil service principals and headmasters under the umbrella of the Ministry of Education to improve student outcomes and school management capabilities.

Principals will maintain day-to-day operations of the school while Yayasan AMIR will provide expertise and experience in operations, management and education, as well as additional funds whenever appropriate.

Yayasan AMIR was established by Khazanah Nasional Berhad on Oct 26, 2010.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin; Khazanah Nasional deputy chairman Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop; Khazanah Nasional managing director Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar and a member of the Yayasan AMIR board of trustees, Datuk Noor Rezan Bapoo Hashim were also present during the visit.

Approached later, Noor Rezan said Muhyiddin was happy with the performance of the pupils of SMK Gelang Patah and had enquired about the challenges the school faced in implementing the programme.

She said the concept of a trust school was to provide for holistic education to enable the pupils to study independently and creatively.

The programme, which was not examination-oriented, instilled enthusiasm in the pupils to attend school, and this enhanced the standard of their education, she said.

"The boost in attendance prompted Tan Sri (Muhyiddin) to want to see for himself the effect of the implementation of the programme at the school," she said.

Noor Rezan also said that SK Medini and SMK Medini here would be made trust schools and 13 more primary and secondary schools in the state were being identified for the programme.

Besides the trust schools in Johor, three trust schools had been established in Kuala Lumpur and five in Sarawak.

She advised the corporate sector and school alumni associations keen to sponsor trust schools to contact the foundation on the implementation of the programme.

So far, 10 requests have been received by Yayasan AMIR on the matter, she said.

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