

Malaysia Education Blueprint In Line With UNESCO 'Education For All' Goals - DPM Bernama
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MELAKA, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- The Malaysia Education Blueprint launched on Sept 6 is an initiative that is in line with UNESCO's strategy to achieve education for all, says Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, said Malaysia had taken various initiatives to widen access to education and to achieve educational equity, as well as to raise the quality of national education.

"Through the Malaysia Education Blueprint (2013-2025), I'm hopeful and serious in the efforts to ensure students are given quality education regardless of their level and background," he said when launching the Malaysia UNESCO Day 2013 celebration at Dataran Memorial Kemerdekaan, Bandar Hilir, in Melaka, Thursday.

Also present were Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh, Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Rohani Abdul Karim, Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Idris Haron and director of the UNESCO Regional Office in Jakarta, Prof Hubert Gijzen.

The celebration will be held for four days starting today and features various activities such as cultural performances, music and traditional games. This year, Malaysia also celebrates its 55th year of membership in UNESCO.

Muhyiddin, who is also the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO president, said Malaysia was now listed as a contributing country through the Malaysia-UNESCO Cooperation Programme (MUCP) to assist member countries, particularly the less developed to achieve the global body's objectives, especially involving education for all.

"I am confident that through the MUCP, Malaysia and UNESCO will work together to help countries in need from Africa, the Asia-Pacific region and the small island nations," he said.

Muhyiddin said through the MUCP, Malaysia could also share local expertise and the country's best practices, especially in UNESCO's fields of competency.

Since Malaysia joined UNESCO in 1958, he said, it had played an active and significant role in UNESCO's activities and was part of the UNESCO Executive Board five times, as well as chosen several times to participate as sub-organs of the world body.

Muhyiddin said Malaysia was committed to upholding the aspirations and commitment of UNESCO in struggling for peace and prosperity through its fields of competency.

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