

**Continuous Commitment Needed To Achieve Objectives Of Education Masterplan -
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ALOR SETAR, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- All staff members of the Education Ministry have been urged to give continuous commitment to realise the objectives of the Malaysian Education Master Plan 2013-2025 as it is an important process in raising the quality of national education.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Mohd Yassin said any change for the better would certainly take a long time to accomplish and it was a challenge that must be faced.

"Some have asked why it takes 13 years to reach the top one-third position, now (we are) one-third at the bottom and I say that this is certainly a challenge. If (you) ask me, my wish (for the change) is tomorrow if possible.

"But I realise this (change) may not happen because the process involves many things, components and aspects. Empowering education may not be achieved immediately, no matter what, it has to undergo this process," he said at a luncheon with the staff of the Kedah Education Department, here today.

He said the support and involvement of everyone was needed not only at the ministerial level, but also at the state, district and, most importantly, at the school levels and they must demonstrate a strong commitment and 'think outside of the box' to implement the programmes and plans.

Muhyiddin said the commitment that they shouldered represented a trust enshrined in the plan which must be translated into a product that would bring significant changes in terms of quality to the national education system.

"I always remind myself and colleagues in the ministry, the importance of the plan so that it can be understood and appreciated on the basis of joint responsibility beginning last year.

"Although within a short time frame (one year) we have succeeded to realise several initiatives and based on the commitment shown, we have prepared a comprehensively written annual report, the first report presented to the public (first annual report-2013)," he said.

He said every staff member of the ministry must also be sincere because they have a responsibility before them for the sake of the religion, race and country.

"No race can progress without knowledge and education. Commitment is a trust and responsibility and we will continue to cooperate with sincerity and find a solution if there

is an issue or problem," he said.

At the event, about 100 staff of the Kedah Education Department attended the luncheon and a brief meeting at the Technology Division of the State Education Department which was also attended by Kedah Education Director, Datin Azuyah Hassan.

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