

**Arts Medium Nurtures Students' Resilience, Persistence - Muhyiddin
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PUTRAJAYA, Feb 27 (Bernama) -- Arts medium, such as orchestra, is not only effective in nurturing resilience and self determination in students but it can also inject a sense of 'esprit de corp' through a high team spirit that watches out for its team members.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the setting up of a school band was a good effort towards nurturing the students' personality and school patriotism through extra-curricular activities.

"School band activities fulfill the full breadth of learning concept and instill the values of cooperation and understanding among students. Hence this effort should be supported by all parties," he said.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, was speaking at the Flourishes 2015 charity dinner, organised by the Sekolah Seri Puteri Cyberjaya Parents-Teachers Association and Parents Support Committee for the school's orchestra at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC) here tonight.

The event aimed at collecting funds to send 70 of its students, who are musicians for the school's Orkestra Seri Puteri Symphonic Winds to compete at New York Wind Band Festival on March 9.

The deputy prime minister's wife, Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman is the patron for Seri Puteri Symphonic Winds.

At the event, Muhyiddin also announced a fund of RM200,000 as contribution towards covering the travelling expenses of the Seri Puteri Symphonic Winds to New York Wind Band Festival.

In 2013, Seri Puteri Symphonic Winds made the country proud when it was named champion of the Australian International Music Festival, receiving a gold award besides performing at the Sydney Opera House.

Last year, Seri Puteri Symphonic Winds represented Malaysia in the Summa Cum Laude International Music Festival in Vienna, Austria.

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