

## **Malaysia's Priority On Education Something To Be Emulated**

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PARIS, April 14 (Bernama) -- Malaysia may serve as an example to other countries in terms of priority accorded to the education sector.

This was conveyed by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) director-general Irina Bokova during a meeting with Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin at the UNESCO headquarters here Tuesday.

"The moral support given to us by UNESCO gives us the strength to realise the objectives outlined in our education blueprints," Muhyiddin told Malaysian media after calling on Bokova and visiting the headquarters of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Malaysia has launched the 'Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2025' and more recently the 'Malaysia Education Blueprint 2015-2025 - Higher Education'.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, reckoned that Bokova viewed Malaysia as among UNESCO member countries which had been active in promoting UNESCO principles (falsafah).

"And during our discussion, I thanked her for the backing given by UNESCO to Malaysia in preparing the blueprint for higher education," said Muhyiddin who is on a three-day working visit to France.

He said with the launching of the latest education blueprint, the country's education transformation plans had been completed.

Muhyiddin said he extended an invitation to the UNESCO director-general to come to Malaysia to mark UNESCO Day. "She also invited Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to attend and deliver a keynote address at the UNESCO General Conference in November," he said, adding that the invitation would be conveyed to the prime minister.

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