

**Muhyiddin Suggests Raising SKPM Score To Boost Education Standard In Schools**  
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PUTRAJAYA, May 12 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today proposed that the Malaysian Education Quality Standard (SKPM) score, an indicator for a school's level of progress, be raised to 50 per cent from 30 per cent currently.

The SKPM and School Average Grade (GPS) are the combination composite score to qualify a headmaster/headmistress for the New Deal Payment Incentive (BIBT).

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, said in producing holistic students, the combination composite score of 70 per cent for GPS based on examination and 30 per cent for SKPM was not very suitable.

"As the SKPM is an indicator for schools' level of progress and students' performance, I propose that the SKPM score be raised to 50 per cent," he said in his speech at the presentation of the Headmasters/Headmistresses New Deal (TBGB) 2014 awards, here, today.

Also present was the Education Ministry's secretary-general Tan Sri Dr Madinah Mohamad and its director-general Datuk Seri Dr Khair Mohamad Yusuf.

Muhyiddin said after five years of implementation, the ministry was now reviewing the TBGB so as to be in tandem with the changes in the national education system.

He also suggested that school heads who had received the BITB more than three times be considered for a transfer to help develop other schools.

"I believe the injection of experience and expertise will help many more schools to receive the BIBT.

"But let's not allow it be that with this announcement, next year the school heads concerned will no longer continue with their excellent work because they don't want to get transferred," he said.

At today's presentation, 264 school heads received the BITB, with 12 of them having received it five times.

Sarawak had the biggest number of recipients at 60, followed by Johor at 32 and Perak and Terengganu, 27 each.

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