

Parliament: Government Plans To Add Five New Vocational Colleges Under 11MP – Muhyiddin Bernama
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 10 (Bernama) -- The government plans to add five new vocational colleges under the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP), including upgrading secondary schools to cater for the an increasing demand.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Tanjung Pengelih in Pengerang, Johor has also been identified to be upgraded as a vocational college under the 11MP and offer courses in 'oil and gas'.

He said the move was in line with the government's efforts to produce more technically qualified human capital to cater for an increasing demand for 'game changers' based on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

The target is in line with the country's objective of increasing quality TVET graduates under the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2015-2025 (Higher Education) that was launched recently.

Muhyiddin said the thrust on TVET would be enhanced by improving the quality of TVET curricula led by industry as well as new collaborations between the ministry and TVET providers and other agencies.

"Through the National Education System Transformation Agenda, we are targeting an overall increase in TVET enrolment by 2.5 times to 650,000 (by 2025)," said Muhyiddin when winding up debate on 11MP for the Education Ministry in Dewan Rakyat, here Wednesday.

Muhyiddin said the setting up of vocational colleges would not be merely based on certain areas or parliamentary constituency but rather various factors would be taken into account, including the aspiration and needs of the local community and industry as well as other requirements like the financial status of the government.

"Increasing strategic programme for existing TVET will also be given due consideration based on need and financial ability," he said.

He said the programmes would be carried out through the 80 vocational colleges, 91 community colleges and 33 polytechnic colleges throughout the country.

Muhyiddin said the marketability of TVET graduates in employment after completing their studies (between 3 to 6 months) last year was 73.9 per cent for polytechnic graduates and 94.2 per cent for graduates from community colleges.

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