

No state ignored in drafting History syllabus, textbooks, says Muhyiddin
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No state had been ignored in the drafting of the History syllabus and textbook contents for primary and secondary schools, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said history writing was based on perspectives and public aspirations and perceptions which had been accepted.

"It was accepted by the History Syllabus and Textbook Panel of Experts comprising people from various backgrounds such as academicians, universities and historical societies," he said when winding up the education debate on the 11th Malaysia Plan at the Dewan Rakyat in Kuala Lumpur today.

The education minister said the panel responsible for drafting the textbooks took into account certain basis when determining their contents.

"We cannot put in everything as there are basic considerations which can be part of history or cannot be included in the textbooks."

The ministry conducted research and review of contents of History textbooks to ensure that they were suitable for years to come, he said to points raised by Chong Chieng Jen (DAP-Bandar Kuching).

Muhyiddin said the ministry would investigate claims that History textbooks had used Professor Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Kim as reference without his knowledge.

"I will investigate. Perhaps he was not there during the drafting of the History syllabus," he added. – Bernama, June 10, 2015.

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