

Muhyiddin urges private sector to raise education standards
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The private sector that has the expertise and adequate funds should make investments that would help to direct and raise the quality of national education, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said efforts to raise the quality of national education represented a long-term investment.

"It does not only benefit the country but also the private sector through the supply of high quality work force in future," he said.

Muhyiddin, who is also the education minister, said this in his speech at the graduation of the English Literacy Programme as well as the signing of the agreement for the Smart School Adoption program by UEM Group in Kuala Lumpur today.

He said the educational programme run by the UEM Group since April 2012 in collaboration with Yayasan Pintar (Promoting Intelligence, Nurturing Talent and Advocating Responsibility) and British Council could be used as reference.

Muhyiddin said a study by an independent body last year showed that the RM3 million investment made by the UEM Group to run the programme had yielded social return on investment worth RM54 million.

He added that such public-private cooperation must be held on a wider scale to create a balanced access to education and subsequently raise student outcome especially among the marginalised group.

On the English Literacy Programme, he said its implementation had equipped 116 teachers with the necessary skills and knowledge to carry out the teaching and learning of the English language more effectively.

Muhyiddin also welcomed the move by UEM Group to take another 18 Smart adopted schools, raising the total to 39. – Bernama, June 4, 2015.

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