

**Developed Country Demands Knowledgeable, Quality Manpower - Muhyiddin  
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KOTA SAMARAHAN, Oct 27 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today spoke of the huge challenge in creating a highly knowledgeable generation to meet the need for human capital as the country progresses into a developed nation in its own mould in 2020.

He said a developed country demanded manpower that was not only knowledgeable but also of quality that could generate a sustainable national economy.

"The root of the matter lies in our capability, especially of our institutions of higher learning, in creating a new generation that can meet this need," he said at a meeting with the Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) community here.

Muhyiddin, who is also education minister, said this generation had to be moulded such that there was no neglect of character building and moulding of one's own value systems, which had to be in tandem with customs and culture.

He said that this generation, which was subjected to the information technology explosion, should have the skills to evaluate and differentiate between true and false information.

The deputy prime minister said students were required to focus on their potential in their respective fields so that they could be attain the success that they could be proud of.

He said they should remember that institutions of higher learning were the most appropriate places where they could develop their knowledge in all fields.

Muhyiddin then fielded questions from the students, including on the proposed Goods and Services Tax (GST), the rising prices of houses, salaries of lecturers and the National Education Blueprint.

He also witnessed the handing over of the keys of the new Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Institute of Health and Community Medicine to Unimas.

The RM182-million facility at the western campus of the university can accommodate more than 1,000 students, and will be used as a centre to train medical officers and nurses as well as researchers to raise the production of manpower trained in medicine and nursing.

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