

Study Being Conducted On Tertiary Education System - DPM

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KOTA SEMARAHAN, Oct 27 (Bernama) -- A study is being conducted on a system for local tertiary institutions, currently input-based, which might be changed to outcome-based, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said it would assess the human resources produced by the tertiary education system and study if the current system was too centralised or needed to be changed to an autonomous system.

He added this was because most institutes of higher learning (IPT) were now dependent on the government and the study would look at a plan of building the IPTs' ability to generate their own income.

"Through this plan, we will see the universities in a more sustainable position," Muhyiddin said in a question-and-answer session held at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) at its campus here today.

He said the matter would be brought up to the Cabinet soon to ensure better direction and future for public and private IPTs.

Muhyiddin, who is also education minister, said the study conducted by the ministry was part of a strategic development plan for tertiary education which was expected to be completed by year-end or early next year.

He was also asked questions on various other issues such as the Goods and Services Tax, high cost of houses, the Malaysian University English Test and salaries of lecturers.

On the salaries for lecturers, Muhyiddin said it was not only based on the ministry's recommendations but also had to consider the Public Services Department and the finance ministry.

However, he said, the government was aware of issues on lecturers' salaries, and took into consideration the time-based system of promotions which was an extension of the teaching profession.

In the end, though, it was subject to the government's affordability, noted the deputy prime minister.

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