

Hisham's RM1b

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shopping list

54 new schools to be built under 9MP

PUTRAJAYA: The Education Ministry has identified 54 new school projects and 220 refurbishment projects worth RM1.03bil for immediate roll-out under the 9th Malaysia Plan.

A total of RM835.3mil will be used to build nine primary schools, 10 residential schools and 35 secondary schools while RM195mil has been allocated for the 220 refurbishment projects.

Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said a further RM980.5mil had been allocated for education projects for the rest of the year.

"We are ready, and all the projects announced by the Prime Minister can be implemented immediately," he told reporters after his ministry's post-Cabinet meeting



Hishammuddin: 'Education projects need to be implemented soon'

"Education projects need to be implemented soon because if they are delayed, it is our children who will be the losers."

Hishammuddin also reiterated his ministry's stand on blacklisting contractors who failed to deliver under the 8th Malaysia Plan (8MP).

"We will not tolerate contractors who breach the trust the Government has on them," he said.

"There were many schools and computer laboratories shoddily built by contractors under the 8MP, and they will never be given a second chance.

"We will also not tolerate bribery and are looking at how we can take action against errant contractor," he said.

Hishammuddin added that his ministry was finalising the draft for the education master plan, which would make all education plans and projects transparent to the public.