



Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin speaking to people at a breakfast gathering with Felcra Bukit Kepong folk in Muar, Johor, yesterday. PIC BY NUR AISYAH MAZALAN

MORE THAN JUST DEVICES

# 'SPEED UP EDUCATION DIGITALISATION'

Goal is to have a system where teaching, learning can happen anywhere, says PM

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**M**ALAYSIA needs to accelerate the digitalisation of the education system to improve the quality of education.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the Covid-19 pandemic meant students could not go to school and have to attend lessons from home.

"One lesson we learnt from the pandemic is that we do not have the ability to create an education system that can cater to this need as we don't have the facilities for students to learn online.

"The number of parents who can afford to provide devices to their children is also limited."

On efforts to improve the quality of the education system, Muhyiddin said one could not help but think about a system where teachers and students were equipped

with devices that allowed them to teach and learn anywhere.

"This means we need to move towards a digital education system where the hardware and software are available to allow our children to learn regardless of the situation.

"Imagine if we can provide this complete environment, either for school or university. It will boost the education system."

He said this in his speech at the Jom Ke Sekolah Parlimen Pagoh dan DUN Gambir programme, a corporate social responsibility event by Yayasan Pelajaran Mara.

As a start, Muhyiddin said, he has instructed Senior Education

Minister Datuk Dr Radzi Jidin to set up a special high-level committee on the digitalisation of the education system.

"The digitalisation not only involves the provision of devices, but also preparing human resources, like teachers, and the content that students will use."

He said the digitalisation process could not be achieved if the country did not have good Internet connectivity.

"That is why I recently launched the MyDigital initiative that will provide us with a 5G Internet network soon."

Muhyiddin announced that the United Arab Emirates was willing to help Malaysia in the education digitalisation process.

"During my visit to Dubai recently, I met Crown Prince Mohamad and spoke to him about our education digitalisation efforts, but before I finished, he said 'it's all done'.

"What does this mean? I think the UAE, which is rich with oil, may be willing to help us with the digitalisation process."