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7 appointed to Education Advisory Council

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PUTRAJAYA (Nov 9, 2010): The Education Ministry has appointed seven academicians to the National Education Advisory Council, with Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) board chairman Tan Sri Dr Wan Mohd Zahid Mohd Noordin as head of the panel.

Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who chaired a meeting of the council for the first time here, also named the other members.

They are Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Kim; Inti International University deputy vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Ibrahim Ahmad Bajunid; International Islamic University of Malaysia (UIAM) Professor of Education Prof Datuk Dr Sidek Baba.

Cempaka International School chairman Datin Freida Mohd Pilus; Sarawak Islamic Council Education Service Bureau chairman Datuk Dr Adi Badiozaman Tuah and deputy dean (research and post-graduate studies), School of Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Assoc Prof Dr Sivamurugan Pandian.



Muhyiddin with (from left) Khoo, Rosli, Freida, Adi Badiozaman, Ibrahim, Sidek and Wan Mohd Zahid.

Education Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Dr Rosli Mohamed and Director-General of Education Datuk Abdul Ghafar Mahmud have also been appointed to the council.

Muhyiddin said the members of the council, which was a source of reference for him on national education matters, would serve for a period of two years and could be reappointed.

The council, which would meet at least twice a year, would be able to advise, for example, on matters encompassing the education system from pre-school to post-secondary, the future direction of education, and human capital development and marketability, he said.

It could also advise on education management, make assessments on educational issues in an objective manner and suggest strategies and practical solutions in tackling issues, he added.

Muhyiddin said the dynamic developments in the country were associated with human capital and, as such, education was important.

We want to look ahead 10 years in line with the policies and transformation being brought about by the government,'he said. — Bernama

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