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RM2m for new Tamil school

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KUALA LUMPUR: The condition of the school was shocking, but Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was most impressed with the teachers and students.

"I feel sad they have to put up with this old and rundown school which has been around for 75 years. Despite the aid provided by the government, the infrastructure is not that good.

"The building could pose a threat to the safety of the students and teachers. It's stuffy and uncomfortable. I am sympathetic to their plight," Muhyiddin said after visiting SJKT Ladang Bukit Jalil, near Puchong here.

The school does not have a field and its classrooms are cramped.

Muhyiddin, who is also education minister, announced an immediate allocation of RM2 million for the school's new building, to be built on an adjacent 0.3ha plot of land belonging to Kuala Lumpur City Hall.

He said the new classrooms and amenities would be able to cater for about 200 students when completed next year. The school now accommodates 90 students.

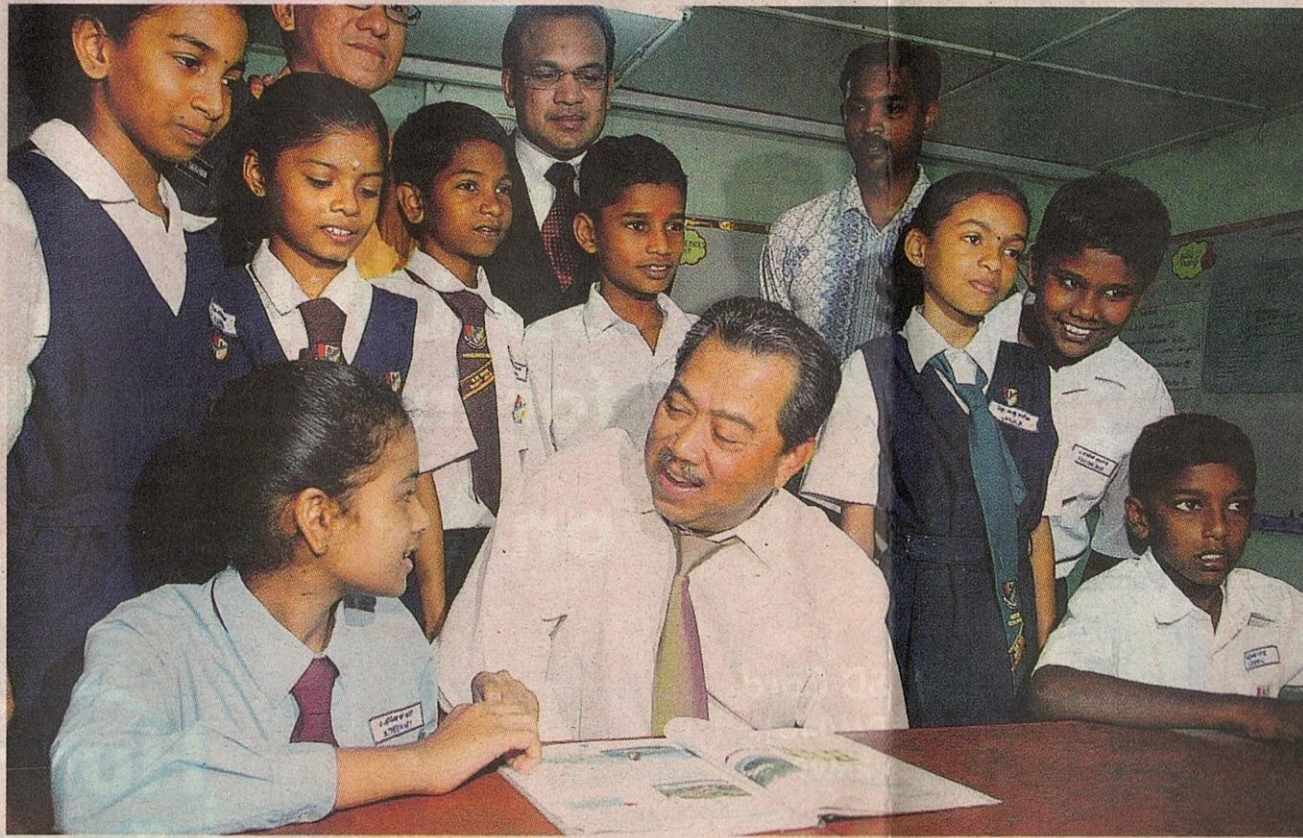
Muhyiddin also said the school would be fully aided.

Present were Federal Territories Deputy Minister Datuk M. Saravanan and Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Datuk T. Murugiah.

Muhyiddin later visited SMK Setapak Indah in Setapak here.

He was joined by Works Minister Datuk Shaziman Abu Mansor to check on the condition of the school.

Muhyiddin said the Public Works Department should



Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (centre) talking to M. Tineswary, 11, during his visit to SJKT Ladang Bukit Jalil, near Puchong, yesterday. In the background, second from right, is Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Datuk T. Murugiah.

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conduct checks and carry out repairs as cracks had appeared a few years after the building was completed.

"However, the building structure is still strong and

can continue to be used,"

Muhyiddin said his visits to the two schools were fruitful as he now understood the issues and problems in the education sector better.



SJKT Ladang Bukit Jalil, which has 90 pupils, is in a dilapidated condition.

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— Senator Datuk Wong Foon Meng
MCA secretary-general



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— Muhamad Abdullah Pharamniaga Berhad managing director

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