

Full backing for State edu: Maszlee

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KOTA KINABALU: The Federal Education Ministry will provide its full commitment and support for education progress in the State, said its Minister Dr Maszlee Malik.

Commending the State Government's seriousness on education issues and prioritising the people and State's interest above anything else, Maszlee said, he expect the future of education in Sabah is brighter.

"I am confident of the capability of the team led by State Education and Innovation Minister Datuk Dr Yusof Yacob and his assistants with the support from the Chief Minister, Sabah will see an exciting, drastic and better development in education," he said after officiating the National Education Research Seminar, here, Thursday.

During his first official visit to the State, Maszlee had also visited several schools here as well as Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

"UMS has a big potential especially with its eco-friendly efforts...its own physical features are able to attract more researchers to go there and the Education Ministry encourages any quarter who would like to invest in the campus."



He disclosed that in his next working visit to the State, he will observe the condition of dilapidated schools in the rural areas.

"In November, I will come back here to see for myself the state of these schools.

"The Federal Education Ministry has always follow any update on the situation of dilapidated schools, especially in the rural areas.

"My ministry, together with the Communication and Multimedia Ministry will also work hard to improve the Internet speed and coverage in schools in the

Maszlee and others give the thumbs up.

State," he said.

To date, some 30 dilapidated schools of 120 had been upgraded and re-constructed under a special RM1 billion allocation under the 2018 Federal Budget.

On the seminar, Maszlee said it shows that the future of the country's education sector is on the right track.

"Research and innovation are one of the most important components in education."

He said such seminars should be continued to instil the culture of innovation and creativity among educators.

Some 350 participants took part in

the seminar organised by the Malaysian Teachers' Training Institute and the Sabah Zone Teachers' Training Institute.

The programmes aimed to gather and share new ideas in the pedagogy practice which can be applied in classrooms.

It also disseminated research findings and innovation implementation through sharing sessions by speakers.

Also present were Yusof, his Assistant Ministers Jenifer Lasimbang and Mohammad Mohamarin, Education director-general Datuk Dr Amin Senin, and State Education director Datuk Maimunah Suhaibul.