

# All smiles for Veveonah at dinner with the PM

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Happy meal: Veveonah (left) and Muhyiddin striking an upbeat pose at the table, in this photo that she shared from her social media page.

KOTA KINABALU: The smile is back on the face of Universiti Malaysia Sabah student Veveonah Mosibin. The teenager, who became a social media sensation when she climbed up a tree to get Internet connection to prepare for her online exams, had had a tough week when two deputy ministers cast aspersions on her act. But yesterday, Veveonah shared a photograph of herself smiling next to Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin. "Stay awesome! It was such an honour for me and my parents to be invited to have dinner with Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, the eighth Prime Minister of Malaysia," she posted. On Saturday, she was seen in another happy image of herself with Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin. Veveonah thanked him for visiting her family. Veveonah, 18, captured headlines when she put up a video titled "24 Hours on Tree" to demonstrate how she prepared for her exams on top of a langsat tree. It has registered about 814,00 views so far.

But a deputy minister told the Dewan Negara on Sept 3 that he had been informed that there was no online examination and that the girl from Sabah's interior Pitas district had merely made the YouTube video for entertainment. He has since apologised for his remarks. Another deputy minister who had also questioned Veveonah's act subsequently removed his Facebook post on the matter.