

M'sians benefit from Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference: DG

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KOTA KINABALU: Malaysia has its fair share of participation in the AEC-Net Conferences (Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference) and the participants have been to Greece, China, Germany, Indonesia, Finland and Singapore and have benefited from their attendance especially through online collaborative learning projects, according to Datuk Hj Alimmudin Hj Mohd Dom, Director-General of Education Malaysia.

Speaking at the 7th AEC-Net Conference dinner at Sutera Harbour Resort here yesterday, Alimmudin said much more could be learned from each other from both continents (Asia and Europe).

He said the project has increased to a total of 27 proposals with interesting topics to choose from in the "cyber classroom" learning concept that is accepted and recognized by many countries in Asia and Europe.

According to him, Malaysia is honoured to be part of the



Some of the participants.

AEC-Net family and has agreed to be the host for this year, as it is a good opportunity for the participants to acquire a broader perspective and insights that may lead to a more balanced approach toward integrating ICT in the teaching and learning situations in schools.

Earlier, Datuk R. Vengadesan, ASEF Governor for Malaysia, said significant progress has been achieved by ASEF in the pursuit of its laudable objectives and several projects are ongoing in various Asian and European countries.

He said Malaysian Government has consistently believed that education plays a fundamental role in

character building and knowledge awareness.

"We note with interest that over the years, information and communication technology has assumed a crucial role," he said.

Sabah State Education Department Director, Datuk Normah Gagoh took the opportunity in informing the participants that the State is well known for its eco-tourism and the participants may find almost everything in Sabah, among them, the various ethnic, cultures, adventure and many more.

She said the main objective of the AEC is to promote intellectual and intercultural exchanges among high school teachers from Asia and Europe.