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NAJIB OPENS EDUCATION CONVENTION

KUALA LUMPUR, July 14 (Bernama) -- A two-day convention which will discuss latest developments and issues in the country's education system was opened here tonight by Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The convention, which will start tomorrow, would focus its attention on critical issues that need to be addressed and proposals to enhance the country's education system vis-a-vis the rapid technological advancement worldwide.

Some 300 educationists would attend the convention organised by the Malaysia Association for Education.

In his speech, Najib said though some groups regarded the sweeping changes introduced by his ministry as too fast, they were planned and implemented systematically to suit the country's requirements.

He said the country's education system must leap-frog due to the time constraints to realise objectives of Vision 2020 to turn Malaysia into a developed country.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's Vision 2020 would only be a reality with the education system upgraded in tandem with the latest developments. -- BERNAMA

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