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'SEKOLAH WAWASAN' TO PROMOTE RACIAL INTEGRATION

PETALING JAYA, April 29 (Bernama) -- The 'Sekolah Wawasan' concept will further promote integration among pupils of various races, the National Congress on Vision 2020 here was told today.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the schools would also develop understanding of other cultures and promote mastering of other languages.

Under the concept, the three types of primary schools of national school, national type (Chinese) school and national type (Tamil) school will share common teaching and learning facilities as well as having certain curricular and co-curricular together.

"All these strategies, among others, become part of the centrifugal forces and key to creating a united Malaysian nation," he said in outlining the importance of education in achieving a united Malaysian nation.

The two-day high level conference was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Without sounding bias, education plays a critical role in establishing national unity among the people of Malaysia which is a blend of different races, ethnic groups and religions," Najib said.

He said education will bind and strengthen national unity through human resource development.

Strategic areas were determined while policies and guidelines were established and implemented to propagate the process, he added.

"Tolerance, respect and cohesiveness are the main thrust," said Najib.

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