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DON'T COMPROMISE ON EDUCATION, SAYS STUDENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 17 (Bernama) -- Twelve local undergraduates' organisations, affiliated to the Malaysian Students Consultative Council, today called on the government to continue giving priority to education programmes notwithstanding the current economic woes.

They said through a spokesman at a press conference here that they were concerned that education may be compromised due to the contraction in national economic growth.

"Existing resources should be fully utilised to fund public education programmes," said president of the National Association of Malaysian Muslim Students Hamidi Abdul Manan, on behalf of the council.

Representatives of Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and Institut Teknologi Mara (ITM) students councils and Malaysian undergraduates in Britain were present.

Meanwhile, Peninsular Muslim Undergraduates Federation chairman Zaharuddin Abdul Rahman said a leadership course for university students would be held here from June 26 to 28.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to open it, he added.

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