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LOCAL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO BE GRADED

KUALA LUMPUR, July 13 (Bernama) -- All local institutions of higher learning will be evaluated and graded from next year based on their performance and quality, said Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the National Accreditation Board (LAN) would conduct the evaluation based on the quality of the teaching staff, facilities available, curriculum and management.

"LAN would conduct the evaluation from next year and the results would be made public," he told reporters after opening a higher education seminar here today.

Najib said the grading system was aimed at ensuring that both public and private institutions of higher learning in the country maintain a high education quality.

It is also aimed at establishing greater competition for excellence among the local institutions of higher learning.

He said the evaluation and grading would also help students and parents in picking the preferred institution of higher learning.

Najib said the evaluation and grading would be done annually. LAN, an independent body, can work with others in the collation of data and there is no political interference on the assessment.

He also said public institutions of higher learning in the country would adopt a uniform and integrated approach in implementing the E-university concept to avoid duplication.

The National Higher Education Council (MPTN) in its meeting yesterday had accepted a paper on the E-university concept proposed by a committee with representatives from all local public universities.

"The E-university concept is a five-year term agenda and we will look into its implications," he said.

Najib said the concept was in line with the call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the country's education system to be reengineered in introducing technology in education.

"We see this as a comprehensive approach on university administration, student intake, information on individual student's performance and the teaching and learning process," he said.

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