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Students

SELANGOR EXPLAINS CURRENT SITUATION TO STUDENTS

SHAH ALAM, June 15 (Bernama) -- Selangor has initiated a series of dialogues with local and overseas undergraduates to enhance the government's rapport with them, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar said.

"The dialogues basically will centre around explaining and making them understand the true political and economic situation in the country," he said when opening the first of the dialogues here today.

More than 700 University of Malaya (UM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Mara Institute of Technology (ITM) and Kolej Islam Darul Ehsan students attended the session.

The dialogue series would also encompass the state government-initiated "Budaya Murni and Bersih" concept emphasising patriotism and the students' responsibility towards parents, community and the nation, he said.

The dialogue sessions would also expose the students to books written by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad namely the "The Way Forward", "The Malay Dilemma", "CEO Malaysia" and "A New Deal For Asia".

Speaking to reporters later, he said most of the time Malaysian students focused on getting certificates, diplomas or degrees, neglecting to grasp current events in the country.

This, he said, allowed them to be easily exploited by people with ulterior motives.

For this reason, the state government made students the main target group for the dialogues, Abu Hassan said.

He urged the students to show gratitude for their parents' sacrifices and government's assistance in providing them with education.

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