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Forms

UPU FORMS AVAILABLE UNTIL MID APRIL, SAYS NAJIB

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 24 (Bernama) -- The Unit Pusat Universiti (UPU) forms will be distributed to all Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) branches nation-wide until middle of April, two weeks after the announcement of the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) results, Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

He said out of 200,000 UPU forms printed, 112,000 had been distributed and 88,000 would follow suit within the next two weeks with 70,000 more to be printed.

"There should be no worries among parents and students that the forms would be out of stock," he told reporters, here.

Najib said there should be no rush to get the UPU forms since the ministry had printed enough for all students who wanted to apply for admission into public higher learning institutions.

He said distribution of the forms through the BSN was efficiently done and it was distributed in three months, giving enough time for students to obtain the forms.

Najib said for this year, the UPU forms should be submitted two weeks after the announcement of the SPM results to avoid confusion on the offer for university places like what happened last year.

"The form should be accompanied with the actual result and not from the trial examination result," he said.

On the RM1.50 handling fee imposed by the BSN for each form, Najib said this was for transportation and other costs incurred by the bank.

He said if students ordered the forms through the post, they had to do many things like buying postal orders and stamps and enclosing their self-addressed envelope and this would incur an additional cost of up to RM13.

Najib said in the future, the ministry would give prior announcement about two to three weeks before distributing the forms to prevent the public from rushing to the UPU form distribution centres.

Najib also said government policies would be explained to lecturers and students of higher learning institutions to prevent them from being influenced by those against the government.

"Most of the lecturers understand the government policies and those who are critical are against one or two issues and do not object to all development implemented by the government," he said.

He said the government accepted the critical views but it should be constructive and not from those who only knew how to criticise all government efforts.

On the form of action which could be taken against lecturers who were out to spread anti-government propaganda, Najib said it was up to the respective university councils.

Last week, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said that there were lecturers who attempted to influence students to hate the government.

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