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Opposition can hold dialogues, says UKM

SEREMBAN, Tues. - Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia students are not restricted from inviting leaders or speakers from Opposition parties to hold dialogues with them.

Its Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Anuwar Ali said the university, however, wanted students to get a balanced view of issues prompting it to also arrange for Government leaders to hold such sessions.

"The situation is much better after the last general election as more Government leaders are frequenting the campus now.

"We are also encouraging our lecturers to hold dialogue sessions with Government leaders so that they can play their role in guiding students in finding out the true situation in the country."

Anuwar was speaking to reporters after attending a Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony between Uniti Consultants Sdn Bhd and the Consultation and Innovation Bureau of UKM here today.

He said the university practised an open policy pertaining to dialogue sessions held by student bodies as it was confident that the students were mature enough to make up their minds on any issue.

Meanwhile, Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad said university students generally did not take sides in politics but sometimes when they hear only one side, they could be misled.

"I agree with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to Government leaders to follow what the Opposition leaders were doing and meet university students regularly, and explain the true situation in the country."

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