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`Put Dr M's policies in economics syllabus'

PENANG, Wed. - A Universiti Sains Malaysia lecturer today suggested "Mahathirnomics" be included in the economics syllabus.

Professor Amir Hussin Baharuddin from the School of Social Science said books and journals on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's successful economic policies in the past three years should first be published.

Malaysia and Dr Mahathir's success in minimising economic problems, he said, should be a lesson for many, especially young economists.

Amir Hussin had described Dr Mahathir's policies, including on capital controls and the pegging of the ringgit as "Mahathirnomics".

Amir Hussin was delivering a public lecture, "Economic Science in the Malaysian Reality: A Critical Evaluation" at the university.

He said besides teaching Malaysians workable "home-grown" economic policies, text-books and journals on "Mahathirnomics" could also be made available to foreigners.

He said students were also uninterested in acquiring knowledge beyond what is contained in their books and were caught up in the paper chase.

Meanwhile, Prof Lai Yew Wah, also from the School of Social Science, proposed the setting up of integrated manufacturing centres to hasten technology transfer.

"This will encourage multinationals to diversify by transferring all operations connected with their products in Malaysia."

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