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UP TO UM TO DETERMINE INTAKE FORMAT FOR MATRIC CENTRE, SAYS MUSA

KUALA LUMPUR, March 12 (Bernama) -- The Education Ministry will let the University of Malaya (UM) administration to determine the mechanism for taking in matriculation students for the academic session starting at the end of the month.

The procedure required the proposal to be first endorsed first by the UM Vice Chancellor and the UM senate, said the minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad.

The ministry has allowed UM to continue operating its matriculation centre but the UM administration should propose how it would run it, he told reporters at his office here today.

Early this year UM Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Anuar Zaini Mohamed Zain announced that the centre, which had provided science courses for Bumiputera matriculation students for the past 23 year, would be closed in April.

After sparking off protest from academicians and political leaders, the UM administration retracted the decision to close the centre upon advice from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

As for the proposed intake format of the new batch of matriculation students, Musa said the ministry would accept proposals that catered for current needs.

This was necessary as the ministry would eventually determine funding for the centre, he added.

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