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Varsities Act amendments under study

GOPENG, Sun. - The Education Ministry will prepare a paper on amendments to the Universities and University Colleges Act and will expedite the process if there is an urgent need for such a move.

Deputy Education Minister Datuk Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin said the paper, to be presented to the Cabinet, would include a study on the effects of the amendments and recommendations from others.

"If need be, it can be ready by next year," he told reporters after opening an oratory competition organised by Gopeng Umno division here today.

He was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that the Act may be reviewed to deter students from engaging in negative activities. Abdul Aziz said all amendments made by the Government were for the sake of the country and the new generation.

"Education is very important for us and we have invested 25 per cent of our gross domestic product in education. Therefore, we have to ensure our investment is properly safeguarded."

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