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RTM INTRODUCES MUSICAL PROGRAMME FOR IPTA STUDENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- In a bid to enhance rapport between the government and students of public institutions of higher learning (IPTAs), RTM has introduced a musical programme, "Ritma Menara", featuring the students.

Deputy Information Minister Datuk Zainuddin Maidin said the programme was aimed at proving that local IPTAs were progressive institutions with students possessing high self-esteem.

"This is also an effort to bring ourselves closer to all students," he told reporters after launching "Ritma Menara" at Angkasapuri today.

He said ties between the government and IPTA students had been good but their minds had been somewhat influenced by the narrow thinking propagated by certain elements with self-interests.

Malaysian Universities Cultural Council (MAKUM) chairman Associate Professor Dr Mohamed Mustafa Ishak said it was hoped that the programme could change the negative perception society had on IPTA students.

The 30-minute Ritma Menara, a joint production of the ministry and MAKUM, will make its debut on Aug 17 at 9pm on TV1.

The 13-episode programme, to be hosted by singer Fazley, will feature songs, dances and musical presentations.

Meanwhile, Zainuddin said the screening times of a special report on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, entitled "Bangsaku Bermaruah", was now fixed to make it easier for people to follow it.

In a statement today, he said the report would be aired at 8.30pm, after the "Seni dan Budaya" segment in Berita Perdana TV1.

It would also be shown at 6.10pm during News On 1, at 8.05pm during Mandarin News and 8.30pm during Tamil News on TV2.

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