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MAHATHIR'S THOUGHTS TO BECOME UiTM SUBJECT FROM NEXT YEAR

DUNGUN, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) will make the thoughts of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad one of its academic subjects from next year.

UiTM Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Seri Dr Ibrahim Abu Shah said for this reason, the university had bought 7,000 copies of the book on Dr Mahathir's thoughts to be distributed among its 14 branch campuses nation-wide.

He said the UiTM Senate had given its nod to the university's move and the subject was meant for students in the Mass Communications and Civil Administration faculties.

"The purchase is only for the first phase and the number of books will be increased once Dr Mahathir's thoughts become a subject. At the moment it is being taught informally.

"We are going through the details (of Dr Mahathir's thoughts) and a special unit, under the Academic Affairs Division, has been set up specifically for this purpose."

He told reporters this after receiving, on behalf of the university, the translation of the book from Terengganu Umno deputy liaison chief Datuk Idris Jusoh.

Prof Ibrahim said UiTM's move to introduce the subject was to enable its students and academicians to learn from the unique and extraordinary thoughts of Dr Mahathir.

He said the subject was aimed at developing the Malay mind to be more positive to continue the country's progress, achieved through the thinking of Dr Mahathir.

"I want to see 100,000 UiTM students think globally as UiTM will gain international status by 2008," he said.

On the negative reaction shown by a few UiTM lecturers on Dr Mahathir's thinking, Prof Ibrahim admitted that such a situation existed in the university.

However, almost all the UiTM academicians had accepted the success of Dr Mahathir's thoughts, said Prof Ibrahim.

"Previously, they used to be emotional. But they have changed after witnessing the success achieved by Dr Mahathir and there is no reason they can deny it.

"Furthermore, they have been given the clarification over various issues," he said.

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