

'Islamic Civilisation' to be a must in private varsities

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An opposition MP today questioned the Education Ministry's move to make Islamic Civilisation (Tamadun Islam) studies compulsory for local students even in private universities.

The ministry has stated that the subject would be made compulsory in all private institutions beginning Sept 1 in an effort to "standardise" requirements with public universities.

"We strongly urge the Education Ministry to reverse the ruling and let the individual universities decide on the needs of their courses," DAP's Kampar MP Ko Chung Sen said during a press conference today.

Ko questioned the need for the ministry to make this subject compulsory for non-Muslims but at the same time restrict it to only local students.

"How will this help those who are studying to become lawyers, doctors and engineers?" he asked.

He said that Muslims would have known about Islamic civilisation beforehand through their teachings, whilst non-Muslims do not need to learn of Islamic civilisation in universities.

He said that according to the federal constitution, any individual should not be forced to learn any religion that is not his or her own.

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