

PM's 'Incentives' For Indian Students Welcomed
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KUALA LUMPUR -- A number of 'incentives' for Indian students at Higher Learning Institutions announced by Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak, received a round of applause.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, S.K Devamany said the Prime Minister's announce was filled with the 1Malaysia inspiration.

"This is a good indication that the government under Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak understood the sentiments of all races. It is also in line with the 1Malaysia aspiration and culture," he told Bernama when contacted here yesterday.

He added that the 'incentives' announced by Najib would further inspire Indian students to focus and excel in their studies.

Najib said the government through the Higher Education Ministry would restructure the semester schedule of public universities so that Indian students can go home and celebrate Deepavali, Yayasan 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) scholarships to Indian graduates who obtained first class honours to further their studies at Masters and PhD level.

Another announcement was to address the predicament faced by students who are vegetarian, since the Prime Minister said the Ministry of Higher Education would ensure that appropriate vegetarian food be made available at universities in the future.

Najib also announced that the public universities would be providing buses to transport Indian students to temples on Friday evenings.

1Malaysia Indian Student Movement (1MISM) president D. Mahaganapathy said the move showed that the Prime Minister always had the people at heart.

"He is always willing to listen to the views and needs of the people just like what he had promised when introducing the 1Malaysia concept," he said.

Meanwhile, Malaysia Indian Youth Club (MIYC) president A. Rajaretinam said the scholarship offered through the Yayasan 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) should be extended to estate and rural students who excelled in their studies.=

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