



Finding out: Dr Nazrin and Tuanku Zara listening to a student explaining an exhibit during the opening of SMK Bidor yesterday. — Bernama

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Back move to improve education, says regent

BIDOR: Plans to practise more liberal, open and flexible values in the implementation of educational programmes are a motivating development that should be welcomed and supported, said Raja Muda of Perak Raja Dr Nazrin Shah.

Plans, for example, to give autonomy to schools, adapting educational and evaluation approaches to local situations and encouraging creativity constitute an education reformation to yield a new education order that should be supported by all, he said.

"The faster these policy statements are translated into action, the faster the citizens of this country, particularly the young, will secure the benefits.

"The new education order that is being actively advanced should be supported. It should be regarded as a bold shift in the con-

text of realising the national education vision.

"In fact, the people who are bold enough to exercise the shift, who are prepared to bring about a renewal can take the nation to the pinnacle of success and greater progress," he said at the opening of SMK Bidor here.

Also present were the Raja Puan Besar of Perak Tuanku Zara Salim and Deputy Education Minister Datuk Noh Omar.

Raja Dr Nazrin said the education system that was overly controlled, rigid and uniform was no longer suitable in the present era.

"This is the education doctrine that has been applied for so long. Such a doctrine has demonstrated success and achievement and produced excellent students but, at the same time, it has also shown that many students fail to cross the set evaluation appraisals," he said.

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