

**History Should Also Be A Compulsory Subject In IPT, Says Kedah Sultan
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JITRA, Sept 25 (Bernama) -- History should be made a compulsory subject not only in schools, but also in institutions of higher learning (IPT), the Sultan of Kedah, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah said.

He described history as "the book of life" which contained various lessons and guidance for the country's development.

"The IPT should offer courses which are holistic and integrated by focusing on communication, entrepreneurship and personality building to help build students' personality and capability.

"For example, students studying science, commerce and engineering should be exposed to courses in history, philosophy or studies in comparative religion," he said at the Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah Polytechnic's (Polimas) 25th convocation here today.

He said history should be studied and made a lesson, especially by the young generation, so that they could appreciate better the meaning of independence and the sovereignty of the race and nation.

The sultan said the country's history should be understood by the people, not only as a subject, but also used as a guidance.

"What have happened should be re-evaluated for future development, to rebuild the position and strength of the race because history concerns the rise and fall of a race and country," he added.

He advised the Polimas graduates to use their knowledge and expertise wisely.

Since its establishment in 1984, Polimas has produced more than 30,000 graduates and at today's convocation, 2,309 graduates in commerce, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, civil engineering and information and communication technology received their certificates and diplomas.

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