AUKU Draft Amendments To Be Tabled In Parliament In March
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PENANG, Feb 16 (Bernama) - Draft amendments to the Universities and University Colleges Act (AUKU) 1974 will be tabled in Parliament in March, says Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah.

He said the details will be announced by Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin.

"The process to amend section 15 of AUKU is almost completed. It will meet the demands of the majority of stakeholders who want the amendments to be made.

"Now we must think about what will happen after the amendments are implemented," he told reporters at the final of Royal Debate Competition 2012 Malay Language Category here last night.

Saifuddin said the amendments will hopefully return the golden era of the student movement in the 60s and 70s in which students were seen as ideamakers of national development.

"This is the challenge for students, particularly the student leaders, to come out with new ideas to be discussed by society members on or off campus."

He said politicians should give students the opportunity to think creatively and express critical views on political and economic issues.

The debate saw Universiti Malaya (UM) emerging winner in the Malay Language category with Universiti Sains Malaysia USM) as runner-up.

The English category was won by Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) with International Islam University (IIUM) as runner-up.

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