

**Trend And Inclinations Of The Young Generation Need To Be Understood - Rais
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KUALA KLawang, March 6 (Bernama) -- Parents and leaders need to understand the trends and inclinations of the young people today in order to be able to mould the country's future generation, said Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim.

In other words, he said, the new values that emerged in the last 10 years could not be ignored or taken lightly.

"Thus, the young generation, which had been described under various labels, needs to be taken into account in the administration of the country as well as in terms of education.

"I have considered several of these factors in the context of their learning process where the influence of the internet and the cyber space currently must be taken into account. And we must look for teaching elements which will bring about positive and constructive education for the younger generation using the internet, facebook, twitter and others," he told reporters, here today.

Earlier, he opened the seminar on parenting entitled "The Generation Y Dilemma" at the Kuala Klawang Mara Junior Science College (MRSM), here.

Rais, who is also the Member of Parliament for Jelebu, said if our child used the twitter to threaten someone, for example, this would be bad.

"So, we must take this as a negative development and should then address it to make it positive. All the learning institutions in the country must provide positive guidance and noble values so that these cyber tools could be utilised in the most positive manner," he said.

Meanwhile, he said, in the coming general election, it was acknowledged that almost 40 per cent of the voters would be in the 21 to 40 age group.

"Thus, we must find an approach that will attract their attention so that they will appreciate the transformation carried out by the government.

"What is being implemented by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is very positive and good, but the way we convey this to the new generation that the transformation, whether through the 1Malaysia concept or government transformation, gives added value to their respective families," he added.

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