

## **'Budget to aim for balanced growth'**

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JASIN: The 2013 Budget, which will be presented by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak on Sept 28, will focus on balanced and meaningful growth as well as the welfare of the people.

Second Finance Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah said it would include an increased focus on rural development without marginalising urban development.

"We (the ministry) are still open to receiving suggestions from Malaysians on next year's budget until the end of the month.

"After that, the ministry will go through all the suggestions and all input received will be presented to Najib as the finance minister," he said after opening the Umno delegates meeting for the Jasin division at Merlimau Polytechnic, near here, yesterday.

Also present were Jasin parliamentary representative Datuk Wira Ahmad Hamzah, who is also the Umno division chief, his deputy Datuk Mohd Said Yusof, secretary Datuk Ghazale Muhamad and former Universiti Teknologi Mara vice-chancellor Tan Sri Dr Ibrahim Abu Shah.

Until now the Finance Ministry has received 84 memorandums which will be considered in the 2013 Budget discussions while specific issues will be examined by a number of smaller focus groups.

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