

Government Urged To Have Guidelines On Purchase Of Books With 1Malaysia Voucher
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KUALA TERENGGANU, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- Non-governmental organisation Gagasan Pendidikan Melayu Malaysia has urged the government to establish guidelines on the purchase of permitted reading materials using the 1Malaysia book voucher.

Its secretary-general, Syed Anuar Syed Mohamad, said it must be ensured that the reading materials bought were academically beneficial to the students because most of them used the RM250 voucher to buy light reading material, including romance novels.

"There are no guidelines on the use of the book voucher for the reference of bookstores, universities and students," he said.

Syed Anuar welcomed the book voucher, saying it was timely but added that Gagasan saw the need for monitoring to ensure that students were only allowed to buy academic reading materials.

He spoke to reporters after a meeting between Kuala Nerus Member of Parliament Datuk Mohd Nasir Ibrahim Fikri and student representatives from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) and Universiti Zainal Abidin (Unisza), here.

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