

**Students' Voice Is Important To Be Heard By All, Says Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 10 (Bernama) -- The voice of students is important to be heard by all, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said, however, while pursuing openness of thought, students' views should be based on truth and reality.

"We want our students to be hungry for knowledge and searching for the truth and advocating for truth even though their views might differ from the government.

"But all that must be based on facts and truth, and not rhetoric and unearthly," he said after attending the final of the inter-varsity debate 2012 (Bahasa Malaysia category) vying for the Prime Minister Cup at Universiti Malaya here Wednesday.

He said the era when "the government knows all" had ended with the amendment of the Universities and University Colleges Act early this year as it promoted openness to enable students to think creatively and critically.

Najib said he wanted to see a new generation developed through a structured and planned way while the changes made should prioritise positive outcomes.

"We all aspire for changes, but what is important is the outcomes, not merely rhetoric or slogans," he said.

He also cautioned that changes achieved through a structured and planned way were better than changes that would lead towards uncertain outcomes.

International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) lifted the title after beating Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in the debate final entitled "Hammers and shields are an essential force to protect moderation".

IIUM walked away with RM25,000 while runner-up UKM received RM15,000.

The debate was organised by the Global Movement of the Moderates Foundation and MyHarapan.

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