

## **Good Financial Support Needed To Ensure Malaysia's Success Of Education Transformation, Says Academician**

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SINGAPORE, Sept 27 (Bernama) -- Good financial support is needed to ensure the success of Malaysia's education transformation within the stipulated time frame of the Education Blueprint 2013-2025, says the chairman of Independent Review Panel on Education for Malaysia, Professor Tan Sri Dzulkipli Abdul Razak.

He said there are a number of recommendations were being put forward.

"Of course the blueprint is still not entirely completed till the end of the year. But until there is a good financial support in the budget, some of the so called transformation that we want will not happen within the duration of time," he told Bernama in a telephone interview from Groningen, the Netherlands.

Prof Dzulkipli hoped that there would be a considerable allocation in the budget to support the transformation of education.

He said this when asked to comment ahead of the tabling of Malaysia's 2013 Budget by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak tomorrow.

"We hopefully can proceed to the transformation of higher education. This has also been emphasised by the Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin who is also Minister of Education," he said.

The prime minister had early this month launched the preliminary Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2025 which provides a comprehensive plan for a rapid and sustainable transformation of the country's education system.

Prof Dzulkipli, Vice-Chancellor of the Al-Bukhary International University and a member of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) - Advisory Education Hub Committee - attended the 3rd ASEM Rectors' Conference at the University of Groningen from Sept 25-26.

The event was attended by more than 100 heads of universities from 76 universities across 37 countries in Asia and Europe.

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