

**Need For Forward-thinking Culture To Address Global Challenges - Raja Nazrin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 4 (Bernama) -- Countries must instil a culture of forward-thinking in their society to ensure they were constantly on the alert in facing global challenges, said Regent of Perak, Raja Dr Nazrin Shah.

He said the need to constantly look ahead and anticipate events was not only an integral part of good governance but also of economic and social dynamism.

"If we look at countries that are dynamic, they're constantly gathering information to try to make sense of the future and act on it. Of course, there're always unexpected black swan events that will blindside countries, companies and communities.

"But the culture of forward-thinking is something that ensures that countries are constantly kept on their feet and ready to act to defend and extend their national interests," he said in his speech at the 4th International Conference on International Studies organised by Universiti Utara Malaysia here Tuesday.

Raja Nazrin said that forward-thinking, as well as planning and credible actions, would help break any management problems.

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