

**Quality Of Education A Priority For BN
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 25 (Bernama) -- Education continues to become a focus of the Barisan Nasional (BN) government in efforts to produce competitive human capital, said said National Union of Teaching Profession (NUTP) president Hashim Adnan.

He said the government's efforts can be seen through the large allocation for education in the national Budget each year.

"Each year there is an allocation for education in the annual budget...the NUTP sees this as a good development. Education is like a seedling, if not tended early on then there will be no result," he said when contacted by Bernama here.

He was commenting on the manifesto for the 13th general election which aimed to achieve excellence in national education, as well as place Malaysia among the world's top three best education system by improving the quality of national schools.

Besides that, the Aku Janji or manifesto themed 'A Promise of Hope' will also improve access to quality education for small and rural communities, especially in Sabah and Sarawak.

Hashim said BN also promised to continue giving special allocations to all types of schools and their pledge for the betterment of the country's education was something to be proud of.

"The current government has clearly carried out their responsibility well. They should continue what they've been doing and improve what needs to be improved.

"As citizens, we want wellbeing, peace and the country's economy to be shared. If this is possible then we have no doubt as to which party can manage the country," he said.

Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohamed Mustafa Ishak said no quarters can question the BN government's track record in improving the country's education.

Since the country's independence, he said, the government had never failed to contribute funds for education whether from the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or annual budget.

"Since independence, the country has never failed to provide allocation for education from the GDP or annual budget with at least 20 per cent.

"For example, during the leadership of former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, there was a high investment for education with 29 per cent," he said.

Mohamed Mustafa said in emphasising an education system using the national language, the government also maintains vernacular education for other races.

"We see education as killing two birds with one stone, meaning besides preparing human capital, education will also place Malaysia as a developed country," he said.

Political observer Assoc Prof Dr Samsul Adabi Mamat said BN's pledges were realistic and had already been included in the 2013 Budget.

"This is BN's promise and they are capable of doing what they promise if given the mandate again," said the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Faculty of Social Sciences lecturer.

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