

Government Always Open To Accepting Views Of Undergraduates - Muhyiddin Bernama
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 20 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has assured that the government is always open and accepts the views of university students as long as they are positive for the good of the nation.

Muhyiddin, who is also the Education Minister, however said that all the views must be made with care as these ideas would also have an impact on the future generation.

"I give an assurance that the government is always open in accepting positive views submitted by the student leaders.

"These suggestions will become useful inputs to the government in drawing up public policies in the country, but these views must be made with care," he said when opening the meeting of the National Students Consultative Council (MPPK) 2013 at the Putra World Trade Centre, here today.

Also present was Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh.

Muhyiddin said the capability of the undergraduates in giving their opinions was proven to be accepted by the government when several of the 14 resolutions voiced by the students at the MPPK meeting previously had been implemented, including contributing to the national food supply security through the direct involvement in the agricultural sector with the support of the public and private sectors.

He said this concern led to the organising of the National Food Convention involving student leaders, university students and members of the Undergraduate Entrepreneur Club (MyAGROSIS) on Dec 16, last year.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the convention became an important platform for undergraduates in transforming the agricultural sector with fresh ideas in generating wealth, and subsequently churning out the country's 'agropreneur' generation to contribute to the security of food supply in future.

"Among others, follow-up action by the government subsequent to the last MPPK meeting was the launching of the 1Malaysia Undergraduate Discount Card to help them in reducing the living cost," he said.

In this regard, Muhyiddin hoped that the student delegates at the meeting this time would be mature and rational in airing their views, in line with the strong commitment shown by the ministry, department and government agencies participating in the dialogue at the meeting.

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