

**No non-Malays for us, we are UiTM, says varsity head**  
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Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) will not open its doors to non-Malays and will remain as the institution of higher learning for Malays and bumiputeras, said its vice-chancellor Tan Sri Prof Dr. Sahol Hamid Abu Bakar.

Sahol said UiTM was formed to increase the number of professionals and semi-professionals among the Malays and bumiputeras.

"Our country's independence and UiTM's struggle are synonymous with the Malay struggle to become a respected community. We will continue to defend our intake position," the Umno-controlled Utusan Malaysia reported today.

His reiteration of the UiTM position as a provider of quality education to Malays or Bumiputeras comes after a suggestion by Dyana Sofya Mohd Daud, political secretary to DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang, that a UiTM-type institution be set up for non-Malays.

She was promptly labelled a traitor to her race just because of this suggestion.

Umno leaders even suggested Dyana Sofya did not know her history, with Selangor state liaison chief Datuk Seri Noh Omar accusing that Dyana Sofya had been used by DAP and that she should understand the philosophy behind the setting up of UiTM which was founded by Majlis Amanah Rakyat (Mara).

He said Malays had sacrificed a lot for other races, citing the Maktab Rendah Sains Mara (MRSM) which has set a quota for non-Malay students to enrol in the college.

Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah echoed Noh's sentiment.

Saifuddin, who was also the former Higher Education deputy minister, said UiTM's objective was to help Bumiputera students, especially those from rural areas.

He said this privilege should not be questioned, as there were 19 other higher learning institutions, which were open to other races with no entry quota.

Saifuddin also said Malays had never questioned other non-Malay parties for setting up colleges or universities for themselves.

Dyana Sofya, who hails from Ipoh, Perak, is a UiTM law graduate.

She had also said that the Malaysian education system should move past being race-based and should be more need-based. - September 12, 2013.

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