PLKN Transformation Will Prepare Youths To Face Global Challenges - Hishammuddin
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PUTRAJAYA, March 12 (Bernama) -- The National Service Training Programme (PLKN) transformation will prepare Malaysian youths for a myriad of global challenges, said Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

He said the effort to transform PLKN by improving and filling of training modules with more relevant contents would ensure the trainees would be more prepared to face economic and political challenges and the issue of violence, as the world is changing.

"We need to make sure the changes are current. We must make sure that PLKN accommodates the changes and challenges our youth are going to face in the new landscape that one day they are going to lead," he said after attending the 'PLKN Syndication Session with Ministers' here, today.

Earlier, Hishammuddin together with Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Idris Jala and Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin had checked on the progress of the PLKN Transformation Laboratory which started its work on Feb 21.

They also listened to responses from participants and interested parties on the findings of the transformation laboratory, specifically the direction and implementation strategy of the proposed PLKN transformation.

Hishammuddin said the element of patriotism and volunterism which were the 'pillars of nation building' would be retained in the PLKN module.

"It is important we stay firm to our direction so that our country will not be divided," said.

He said the laboratory, which was entering its middle phase, would see the early framework of the transformation plan being formed, before continuing the production of a final resolution in the subsequent phases.

The laboratory has a membership of 75 people including representatives of ministries such as the Defence Ministry, Youth and Sports Ministry, Education Ministry, Prime Minister's Department and other interested parties, among others universities, the private sector, non-governmental organisations, PLKN camp operators, PLKN trainees and former trainees, parents and expert manpower.

Hishammuddin said the laboratorys; findings would be shared with the people of Malaysia via an Open Day which would be held after the PLKN transformation laboratory ended.

"The public is invited to give views and responses to the implementation of the new PLKN model before it is fully implemented," he said.

Meanwhile, Idris said the PLKN Transformation Laboratory was progressing well and smoothly whereby several matters had been identified for improvements.

"Looking at what they have already done in the past three weeks, I am confident they will come out with good recommendations.

"It will be brought up to the Cabinet for discussion and once it is done, we will engage the public during the Open Day. If there are any ideas for improvement, we can always incorporate them during the engagement session with the public," he added.

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