

**Higher Education Blueprint To Ensure Excellent Future For Malaysia - Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 7 (Bernama) -- The Malaysia Education Blueprint (Higher Education) 2015-2025 is set to be a catalyst for the transformation of the country to compete at the global level, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

He said the blueprint, which outlined 10 thrusts, had the capacity to create human capital that could be categorised as talented, of a global standard and founded on positive values.

"I am convinced the blueprint will be a catalyst for transformation and can ensure a more excellent future for Malaysia," he said when launching the blueprint here.

Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh also attended the event.

Najib said the blueprint focused on the creation of talented students vital for a country to maintain its success.

Najib said efforts to create students of a global standard would place Malaysia among the better countries of the world.

He said students moulded on positive values in terms of spiritual, moral, ethical and strong attributes would promote the national identity in line with the country's progress.

The prime minister stressed that students should steer clear of education that was not used for the good.

"The most extreme example is academically highly qualified people using their knowledge to make bombs," he said, adding that the country should have students who were of positive character.

Najib also said that through the financial sustainability thrust, universities should source for funds themselves and not be overly dependent on the government.

However, he said, the government would consider providing a supplementary budget to universities that performed well.

He said universities should step up productivity and efficiency, particularly in ensuring the marketability of their graduates.

Najib said the government provided appropriate allocations for higher education and training, among the highest in ASEAN and several developed countries, such as Japan and South Korea.

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