

**Do Not Let Western Culture Mould Country's Future - Ahmad Zahid**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 27 (Bernama) -- The young people, particularly undergraduates have been reminded not to be easily influenced by, or bring in western culture to mould the future.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said although certain aspects were considered good in the West that might not be deemed suitable for application in this country.

"Perhaps, there are things that we can borrow to apply in our system but to force 100 per cent of the foreign system to be applied here that might not be appropriate.

"The look and feel of the country cannot be moulded by the outsiders; we have to paint it ourselves. We don't allow others to mould our future, only we can do that," he added.

Ahmad Zahid said this in his speech when opening the National Undergraduates Leadership (Pemanas) Conference 4.0, in conjunction with the UMNO General Assembly here today.

He stressed local and overseas undergraduates should always be wary of negative aspects of the western culture that did not take into account the religion and Asian values, and able to destroy the social institution.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also UMNO vice-president, said this was because there were now certain groups of people who were inclined towards turning the negative values to mould the country, as they viewed Asian values as old-fashioned or conventional.

Meanwhile, the deputy prime minister said the different views expressed by the younger generation should be taken into account as the group was now at the forefront of society and "close to the pulse of the people".

Commenting on Pemanas, he said the conference which entered its fourth year, served as the best platform for the younger generation to voice out their opinions and discuss current issues outside the campus.

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