

**Government's Efforts on Education Not For Political Purposes - Ahmad Zahid
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BETONG, May 3 (Bernama) -- The government's efforts to develop the education field is to ensure the people get the best education, and not for political purposes, said Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

The Deputy Prime Minister said by doing this, all Malaysians would benefit, more so people in rural areas.

"Doesn't matter Gen X, Gen Y or Alpha, the government provides a huge allocation not only for classroom learning but also out of class learning including co-curricular activities," he said when opening Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Beladin near here today.

"The government is giving top priority to education. So support the government which is bringing this development," he said.

Ahmad Zahid said he hoped all quarters will appreciate the efforts made by the government to ensure the people got the best education. Ahmad Zahid said the government invested heavily for education not only in terms of physical development but also content.

"It is to develop the minds and hearts. The emphasis on education by the government particularly through the Education Ministry is to produce a knowledge society.

"Not limited to just the academic field but also for building character," he said.

He said he also hoped that with all the facilities provided, teachers would make full use of them to educate their charges as best as possible.

"I am confident the emphasis by the government will be translated well by educators. Children sometimes prefer to listen to their teachers than their parents. Teachers belong to a professional group much respected by all generations," he said.

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