Include unity, integrity in higher education plan – UMS lecturers



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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) lecturers have proposed to the Ministry of Education to include unity and integrity in the National Higher Education Strategic Plan (PSPTN).

They made the call during a feedback collection program conducted by head of PSPTN Review Research Program, Professor Dr Mohamad Kamal Harun at the university compound here yesterday.

Responding to the call, Kamal, who is the University Malaysia Kelantan vice chancellor, told the media that his team was aware of the importance of the issue which involved unity and integrity as it was raised by members of the public.

"We have been receiving feedback from the community saying that institutes of higher learning should take the role of fostering the spirit of unity and integrity, not only among the students but also among the community." he said.

He also noted that a plural country like Malaysia should be acknowledged by the people.

"People should be aware of the fact that in spite of the multiracial, cultural and ethnic population we have here in Malaysia, we are still able to live in peace and harmony."

"This is definitely a serious matter, and we will examine it thoroughly in constructing the National Higher Education Strategic Plan," he added.

Meanwhile, Professor Dr Ir Ahmad Faizal Mohd Zain, also involved in the PSPTN review research program, said their visit to Sabah was indeed an eye opener to them.

"Sabah is the best role model for promoting unity and integrity in the education field."

He said despite the state's multiracial, culture and ethnic, Sabah indeed showed the best example to demonstrate the philosophy of education in Malaysia, which is to contribute harmony and prosperity to the nation.



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