Muslim students urged to be proactive towards political freedom

TEMERLOH: Muslim university students should be proactive and make full use of the political freedoms as proposed by the government through amendments to the University and University Colleges Act (UUCA).

Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah said students were the main drivers in transforming the country through participation in the decisions of the country's administration.

Through the amendments, he said, university students could use the freedom in expressing their views and opinions to further enhance the dignity of Muslims, especially in the economic, political and social fields.

"The history of the Islamic student movement in this country began in the 1930s, in which figures such as Syeikh Tahir Jalaluddin and Syed Sheikh Al-Hadi started movements towards the socio-economic development of the community," he told reporters after launching the Temerloh district level Koran recital assembly at the Abu Bakar Mosque here on Tuesday.

Saifuddin said he also hoped that Muslim students leadership skills would be polished further and they would be given ample room to be engaged in the national development agenda. - Bernama