

# Malaysia Positions Higher Education As Key Diplomatic Bridge - Zambry

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KUALA LUMPUR- Malaysia views higher education as a powerful instrument of diplomacy that strengthens international cooperation and builds long-term trust between nations, Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir said.

Zambry Abd Kadir said Malaysia sees higher education as a key tool of diplomacy that fosters international cooperation and long-term trust between nations, emphasising that education now extends beyond borders and plays a vital role in global engagement. Speaking at the Diplomat Soirée in Kuala Lumpur, he highlighted that academic spaces such as universities and research institutions are just as important as formal diplomatic channels in building relationships. Despite global uncertainties and technological changes, he noted that education remains a stable platform for cooperation, with international students helping to build lasting cultural understanding and connections. He also reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to developing an inclusive, globally competitive, and future-ready higher education system, guided by the Malaysian Higher Education Blueprint 2026–2035, which focuses on governance reform, digital transformation, research, and global mobility. With students from 160 countries and a strong global alumni network, Malaysia continues to strengthen its position as a regional and international education hub while enhancing diplomatic ties through initiatives like the Diplomat Soirée.

