

RPTM 2026-2035 To Strengthen IPT Governance, Benefit Students - Higher Education DG

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KUALA LUMPUR- The Malaysian Higher Education Blueprint (RPTM) 2026-2035 aims to strengthen governance in higher education institutions through greater accountability, transparency, and a focus on real impact for students and stakeholders

Datuk Prof Dr Azlinda Azman emphasized that while universities are granted autonomy, continuous monitoring by the Department of Higher Education (JPT) is essential to ensure consistent and effective implementation across both public and private institutions. Developed through comprehensive system assessment, the blueprint outlines 10 strategic leaps, 41 strategies, and 128 initiatives, with early focus on 2026-2028. It prioritizes curriculum enhancement in collaboration with industry to produce future-ready graduates, alongside an outcome-based approach to improve employability and competitiveness. The plan also incorporates periodic monitoring using measurable indicators and technology, including AI, to ensure effectiveness. Key reforms include stronger university-industry collaboration, hands-on learning through teaching factories, and more flexible, inclusive education pathways such as modular learning, credit transfers, and micro-credentials. Additionally, RPTM seeks to boost the global standing of Malaysian universities beyond rankings, highlighting quality education and research as drivers of international recognition, while reinforcing higher education's role in national development, social mobility, and shared prosperity.

