

Health, Higher Education ministries to jointly address parallel pathway issue

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Higher Education Ministry and the Health Ministry have agreed to jointly address the issue of parallel pathway programme for medical specialists.

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"The Higher Education Ministry and the Health Ministry have a common intention and desire to promptly find a solution to the issue. Insyah-Allah, the final decision on this matter will be shared after several proposals are brought to the Cabinet meeting," he said in a Facebook posting.

Zambrzy said the meeting he chaired with Dzulkefly also discussed a joint solution to ensure the knowledge acquired by the trainees meets the prescribed standards.

"At the same time, the Higher Education Ministry is of the view that these students and graduates should not become victims of any technical issues that can be resolved.

"Therefore, the Higher Education Ministry and its agencies, including MQA, are open to discussions and efforts to realise the national agenda to increase the number of medical specialists in the country and ensure that the delivery of healthcare services under the Health Ministry reaches an optimal level," he said.

Zambrzy said that the meeting also discussed the need to enhance strategic collaboration between the Higher Education Ministry and the Health Ministry to achieve the target of producing 28,000 medical specialists in the country by 2030. --
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