

# KUIS STUDENTS WELCOME DECISION TO LIFT BAN ON PTPTN LOANS

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 13 (Bernama) - Kolej Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Selangor (Kuis) students have welcomed the National Higher Education Corporation Fund's (PTPTN) decision to lift its freeze on Selangor-owned universities.

Expressing his gratitude over the decision, Kuis Student Representative Council president Mohd Firdaus Hashim urged political parties not to politicise the PTPTN as it would put students' welfare at risk.

"The rationale is the PTPTN should not be politicised as it will be detrimental to parents and institution of higher learning students who badly need the loans to pay their tuition and fees," he said when contacted today. Earlier this month, PTPTN made the decision to freeze its loans to new-intake students in Kuis and Universiti Industri Selangor (Unisel) before the ban was overturned by Education Minister Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin on June 8.

The ban was made due to recent call by Opposition Leader Datuk Sari Anwar Ibrahim for students not to repay their PTPTN loans.

Mohd Firdaus thanked the government for lifting the freeze as 55 per cent of Kuis students depended on the loans for their studies.

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