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Shift needed in education system, says sec-gen

PUTRAJAYA: The Malaysian education system must undergo a shift to prepare the younger generation towards the 2050 National Transformation (TN50).

Treasury secretary-general Tan Sri Dr Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah said today's education system was focused only on obtaining As rather than applying practical skills.

"I must say teachers nowadays only give importance to achieving As, rather than encourage students to be innovative and creative," he said during a talk before launching the Finance Ministry's Open Day yesterday.

He said
students
must be





***Tan Sri Dr Mohd
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other sub-
jects, such
a s e n-
trepreneur
ship.

“It is my
wish to
see the
younger
genera-
tion be-
come mil-

lionaires at the age of 20 to 25
years old,” he said.

He hoped the open day was able
to disseminate information on
government projects and pro-
grammes designed for Malaysians
to achieve economic excellence.

He said the open day served as
a platform for the government,
particularly the Finance Min-
istry, to correct unfounded state-
ments made against the govern-
ment.

“It is wrong to say that Malaysia
is bankrupt and the economy is
collapsing. Bank Negara report-
ed that Malaysia had achieved a
positive economic growth of 4.3
per cent last year and is steadily
growing this year between 4.3
per cent and 4.8 per cent.

He said Prime Minister Datuk
Seri Najib Razak’s visit to China
and in India would boost inter-

national trade and investment.

When asked what sectors would be explored during Najib's visit to India, Irwan said the Malaysian Global Innovation and Creativity (MaGIC) might have a partnership with its Indian counterpart.

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