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**KUCHING:** The National Service Training Council will discuss feedback from relevant groups on gender and sex education before deciding whether to introduce it in the programme.

Chairman Datuk Dr Tiki Lafe said the council had obtained the views of religious groups, women's groups, non-governmental organisations and camp commandants on the matter.

"We will discuss the feedback at the next council meeting sometime this month," he said.

He added that currently gender and sex education was partially covered in lessons on HIV/AIDS.

"We would like to teach a programme which is more structured, so trainees would know what this subject is all about, not just in relation to AIDS," he told reporters after welcoming 81 NS trainees from Kuala Lumpur at the Kuching International Airport yesterday.

He said any decision on introducing the subject would have to be made carefully to ensure that it would not be open to abuse or misunderstanding.

On the NS programme, Dr Tiki said some 140,000 trainees had been selected nationwide to undergo training this year along with some 10,000 participants who had asked for their training to be postponed since 2004.