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KUALA LUMPUR: For better global governance in this century, the Raja Muda of Perak, Raja Dr Nazrin Shah yesterday called for the setting up of a Commission on Global Governance in collaboration with dedicated partners from throughout the world.

"I believe it is an idea whose time has come. Such an initiative would then be representative of a truly universal endeavour.

"It is time for a seminal and substantive review to be conducted by a high-level international body, such as a commission of eminent persons of international repute aided by a panel of experts."

Raja Nazrin said this in his royal address, entitled 'Challenges of Global Governance and The New Era of Diplomacy' to diplomats and foreign relations representatives at the Institute of Foreign Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) yesterday.

Raja Nazrin, who is also the royal patron of IDFR, said, though independent, the commission would benefit from the support of the United Nations Secretary-General.

"If launched, this commission will shoulder a heavy responsibility and it will have to execute its tasks without fear or favour, thus it must serve no diktat save the one entrusted upon it," he said.

"The commission must conduct an honest and objective appraisal of the governance architecture as it exists today, its strengths and its weaknesses, where it is working and where it is not, and how far it is relevant to the needs of the times.

"It must then come up with proposals to make global governance in the 21st century perceptibly better.

"No doubt we can expect these proposals to be bold and forward-looking, yet made with feet firmly planted on the ground," he added.

According to him, the exercise could not be anything less than thorough whereby it must address, and address squarely, the central challenges confronting global governance not only now but in the foreseeable future as well. — Bernama