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MAHATHIR-GUIDE

SERDANG, DEC. 12<sup>3)</sup> (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) TODAY STRESSED THAT ADULTS AND THE YOUNGER GENERATION WERE EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE IN ENSURING THAT DRUG CULTURE WAS REJECTED AND REPULSED.

+GOVERNMENTS ARE BURDENED WITH A HEAVY TASK OF ENSURING THAT DRUG ABUSE WILL NOT PLAGUE OUR SOCIETIES AND REDUCE OUR YOUNG ONES INTO IRRESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND SOCIAL MISFITS,+ HE TOLD ABOUT 1,000 GIRL GUIDES FROM THIRTEEN COUNTRIES, HERE.

LAUNCHING THE VISITOR'S DAY OF THE NATIONAL GIRL GUIDE JAMBOREE, THE PRIME MINISTER POINTED OUT THAT THE PEOPLE WERE NOW LIVING IN A WORLD WHERE SOCIAL ILLS WERE BECOMING QUITE AN EPIDEMIC.

+THE PRESENT GENERATION IS WITNESSING MORAL DECAY AND DRUG ABUSE,+ HE SAID.

+YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS ARE BECOMING TARGETS OF IRRESPONSIBLE MORAL BROKERS' WHO PUSH THEM INTO IMMORAL ACTIVITIES,+ HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA MORE 2017/ZCM

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STRESSING THAT MISUSE AND ABUSE OF DRUGS WERE SOCIALLY DESTRUCTIVE, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID GOVERNMENTS WERE BURDENED WITH A HEAVY TASK OF ENSURING THAT DRUG ABUSE WOULD NOT PLAGUE THE SOCIETIES AND REDUCE THE YOUNG ONES INTO IRRESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND SOCIAL MISFITS.

+IT IS EQUALLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ADULTS AS WELL AS THE YOUNG ONES TO ENSURE THAT DRUG CULTURE IS REJECTED AND REPULSED,+ HE SAID.

HE TOLD THE GUIDES THAT THEY HAD THE FACILITIES AND AMENITIES TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE +WORLD OF TOMORROW.+

HE REMINDED THEM OF THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING TO FACE THE ADULT WORLD AND FULFIL THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS GOOD CITIZENS.

+YOUR UNITED EFFORTS TOWARDS THIS END WILL CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE PROGRESS OF YOUR COMMUNITY AND NATION,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE FUTURE OF A NATION DEPENDED ON THE WELL-BEING AND HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF TODAY'S CHILDREN.

GUIDING, HE SAID, WAS A MOVEMENT WHICH CATERED FOR THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG AND PREPARED THEM FOR ADULTHOOD. IT ALSO PREPARED A WELL BALANCED TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG GIRLS.

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EARLIER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE MALAYSIAN GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, DATIN SRI DR. SITI HASMAH MOHD. ALI, SAID THE JAMBOREE HAD PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GUIDE MEMBERS TO UTILISE THEIR SKILL IN OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES AND DEALING WITH THE UNEXPECTED.

+HAPPINESS DEPENDS ON EACH PERSON DEVELOPING AND USING HER CAPACITY FOR INITIATIVE COMMONSENSE AND SELF-RELIANCE+, SHE SAID.

+PARTICIPANTS HAVE LEARNED TO TAKE THE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH, PROFIT BY MISTAKES AND TO TREAT DIFFICULTIES AND HARSHIP AS CHALLENGED TO BE MET AND OVERCOME CHEERFULLY+, SHE ADDED.

SHE HOPED THAT THE SPIRIT OF UNIVERSAL SISTERHOOD STAINED HERE WOULD ALWAYS GUIDE THEM IN THEIR DAILY LIVES.

TODAY IS THE FIFTH DAY OF THE SEVEN-DAY JAMBOREE WHICH WILL END ON MONDAY. OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE THOSE FROM AUSTRALIA, BANGLADESH, INDIA, SOUTH KOREA, NEW ZEALAND, SWITZERLAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TAIWAN, THAILAND, INDONESIA, SINGAPORE AND THE PHILIPPINES. --BERNAMA 2023/BY