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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 27 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAYS ORATORICAL ABILITY IS AN IMPORTANT REQUISITE FOR THOSE ASPIRING TO BECOME LEADERS.

ANY LEADER, AT THE LOCAL OR NATIONAL LEVEL, SHOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK EFFECTIVELY IN PUBLIC, HE SAYS.

HOWEVER, WHILE IT IS NOT AN ABSOLUTE CONDITION, A PERSON WISHING TO BECOME A LEADER MUST BE ABLE TO PRESENT HIS THOUGHTS EFFECTIVELY BEFORE PUBLIC GATHERINGS, HE ADDS IN A MESSAGE IN A SOUVENIR BOOK IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ELOCUTION COMPETITION AT ANGKASAPURI HERE TONIGHT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR DESCRIBES THE COMPETITION AS ONE OF THE GOOD WAYS IN WHICH TO UNCOVER AND TRAIN YOUNG TALENTED ORATORS.

LABOUR MINISTER DATUK LEE KIM SAI REPRESENTED NATIONAL DAY CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID AT THE COMPETITION. -- MORE

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SUHAIMI ZAMAN OF SEKOLAH TUN SERI LANANG, MUAR, JOHOR, AND SHARIFAH KHODZIJAH SYED HUSSAIN OF SEKOLAH MENENGAH RAJA PEREMPUAN, IPOH, PERAK, EMERGED CHAMPIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CATEGORIES.

THE CONTESTANTS WERE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE FROM FOUR TITLES FOR THEIR SPEECHES -- +BANGSA TEGAS NEGARA TEGUH+, +INTEGRASI NEGARA+, +MENGHAYATI KEMERDEKAAN TANAH AIR+ AND +PANDANGAN SAYA TERHADAP KEMERDEKAAN+.

THE SULTAN OF PAHANG, WHO WAS PRESENT TOGETHER WITH THE TENGKU AMPUAN, GAVE AWAY THE PRIZES IN THE FORM OF A TROPHY EACH DONATED BY BANK RAKYAT AND SHAMELIN. -- BERNAMA

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