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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 9 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY OPENED A CHILD DEVELOPMENT EXHIBITION WITH A CALL TO PARENTS TO BE THE MAIN ROLE MODELS FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN MOULDING THEM INTO USEFUL CITIZENS.

DESCRIBING THE CHILDREN AS THE NATION'S ASSETS, HE SAID THE PARENTS EXERTED AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON THEIR CHILDREN AND IF THIS INFLUENCE WAS USED IN A POSITIVE WAY THE CHILDREN WOULD BE IMBUED WITH GOOD QUALITIES AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO BE LED ASTRAY.

HE SAID ALL PARENTS NEEDED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EDUCATING THE CHILD AS NONE OF THEM COULD CLAIM TO BE ENDOWED WITH THE ABILITY TO BRING UP A CHILD WITH TOTAL SUCCESS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID A MULTISECTORAL AND MULTIDISCIPLINE APPROACH WAS VITAL IN ENSURING THE WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN.

THE MONTH-LONG EXHIBITION AT MUZIUM NEGARA ENTITLED +DUNIAKU+ IS ORGANISED BY THE NATIONAL POPULATION AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

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ITS DIRECTOR-GENERAL, PROF DR HAMID ARSHAT, SAID THE EXHIBITION CONSTITUTED A CAMPAIGN AIMED AT MAKING PARENTS MORE AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN SHAPING THE SPIRITUAL AND MORAL OUTLOOK OF THEIR CHILDREN.

STAGE SHOWS, TALKS ON FAMILY DEVELOPMENT AND READING SESSIONS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE EXHIBITION. THERE WILL ALSO BE FIVE SWIMMING POOLS SPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, AND SEVERAL CABINET MINISTERS WERE PRESENT. -- BERNAMA
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