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PETALING JAYA, AUG 25 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER/DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY) CAN HELP YOUTH ALL OVER THE WORLD IN COMBATING DRUG ABUSE BY CARRYING OUT BENEFICIAL ACTIVITIES AMONG YOUTH CLUBS OR ORGANISATIONS.

HE SAID, WAY SHOULD ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT CAN BRING THEM TOGETHER IN TEAM WORK.

+I DO HOPE THAT WAY WILL HELP THE YOUTH TO FIGHT THE DRUG MENACE AS THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE FUTURE LEADERS,+ HE SAID AT A WORLD YOUTH AWARD DINNER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAY, HERE TONIGHT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID AS DRUG ABUSE WAS AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM AND YOUTH BEING THE TARGETS, ALL CLUBS AND ORGANISATION INVOLVED WITH YOUTH MUST WORK HAND IN HAND TO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM.

+THE MORE YOUTH CLUBS IN THE WORLD, THE BETTER THE CHANCES ARE TO FIGHT DRUGS,+ HE SAID.

ON THE +PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA WORLD YOUTH AWARD+, HE SAID, THE AWARD WAS NOT HIS AWARD BUT NAMED AFTER ALL PRIME MINISTERS OF MALAYSIA. -- MORE

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MALAYSIAN YOUTH COUNCIL (MYC) WAS SELECTED THE FIRST WINNER OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA WORLD YOUTH AWARD FOR ITS SUCCESS IN SPONSORING A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH OVER MANY YEARS IN THE COUNTRY.

ABOUT 32 YOUTH ORGANISATIONS WORLDWIDE VIED FOR THE AWARD AND MALAYSIA IS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO HOST THE CEREMONY FOR THE FIRST PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD.

MEANWHILE, YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER DATUK SERI NAJIB TUN RAZAK SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED OVER MALAYSIA EMERGING AS WINNER BECAUSE MALAYSIA HAD ALWAYS PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS AND IMPORTANCE ON THE REAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH.

+THE TRIUMPH OF THE MALAYSIAN YOUTH COUNCIL IS A VICTORY FOR EVERY YOUTH ORGANISATION IN THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS VICTORY FOR EVERY YOUTH IN MALAYSIA,+HE SAID.

THE PAKISTAN CRESCENT YOUTH ORGANISATION AND ARGENTINA COOPERATIVE YOUTH ORGANISATION EMERGED AS FIRST RUNNERS-UP WHILE THE MALAWIS YOUNG PIONEERS WAS PLACED SECOND RUNNER-UP.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR LATER PRESENTED THE AWARD TO THE WINNERS.

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