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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 26, (Bernama) -- Efforts to eradicate poverty should be the joint responsibility of the public and private sector of the country, Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said.

As such, the government highly appreciated the efforts of the Ikhtiar Project Fund, implemented by the Islamic Economic Development Foundation of Malaysia (YPEIM) to assist the poor to improve their lot through economic activities, he added.

He said this in his foreword in the souvenir book published to mark the launching of the Ikhtiar Project Fund 1991 by Education Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) on Thursday.

This year's fund, jointly sponsored by Berita Harian and TV3, is the second to be launched. Last year's fund, sponsored by Utusan Malaysia, collected \$267,000.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said an important element needed in order to achieve the objective of helping the poor was to instill positive attitudes in poor families.

+Positive attitudes, like being hard working, will encourage the families to strive to develop themselves, especially in the economic field,+ he added.

He reiterated that it was government's policy to upgrade the quality of life of the people by raising their economic, education and social level.

+Efforts are being made to continue providing infrastructure in rural areas,+ he said. -- Bernama

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