

Dr M: Young people should know of elders' sacrifices

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — Young Malaysians should be made aware of the struggle and sacrifices made by previous national leaders and the people in the quest for independence, Datuk Seri ~~Dr Mahathir Mohamad~~ said.

The Prime Minister said this awareness could help the present generation emulate the dedication and sac-

rifices made by their elders so that they could contribute towards a progressive, peaceful and prosperous Malaysia.

Dr Mahathir, speaking at the launching of the *Merdeka Book: of Records* here, said that everyone was responsible in helping to ensure that the nation's younger generation keep to the right track and not stray

into unproductive work which could jeopardise efforts to make the country a developed nation by the year 2020.

He added that the book, containing a collection of articles and pictures highlighting various aspects of the country's development, was important as a reference material.

It also help readers under-

stand the nation's history and economy with its social and cultural perspectives. Tourists too would find the book valuable because it provides a glimpse into the people's way of life and the environment in which they lived in.

The book also contains articles explaining the country's expansion and development programmes

besides putting on record the names of companies which have shown significant success in different categories.

These records reflect the country's appreciation of the companies' contribution towards nation building, Dr Mahathir said, adding that inputs into the book were provided by various Government agencies and the

private sector.

The fact that the private sector had made financial contribution to the book's publication in itself is a source of pride to the country, Dr Mahathir said.

It is only proper that the private sector contribute to the book's publication because its achievements is one of the many results of Merdeka, he added.