

PM: **Society shapes** **@future of youths**

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that society plays an important role in shaping the future of the present generation.

“Apart from inculcating a sense of responsibility among the youths, the society has also to remind them of the *Merdeka* spirit of their forefathers who fought for the country’s independence,” he said.

“We must make sure that the present generation will not only be willing to make sacrifices for the country’s sovereignty

but also work hard for the peace and stability,” he said at the launching of the *Merdeka Records Book 1990* at a hotel here.

The Prime Minister said in line with the Vision 2020, youths must not succumb to bad influences.

He also complimented the publisher of the book which records events since independence.

“The book covers not only the public sector’s development but also the progress of the private sector since independence,” he said.