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PM WANTS MARDI TO STUDY POTENTIALS OF PANDAN LEAVES

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JERTIH, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has directed that a study on the usage of pandan leaves be carried out immediately in view of its wide potentials as raw material for cottage industry.

Public Enterprises Minister Datuk Dr Yusof Nor said the directive was issued at the last Cabinet meeting.

He said the Cabinet felt that products from pandan leaves had a good future for export.

The study would be undertaken by Mardi and the result would be distributed to the farmers, he said after presenting aids to the victims of last fire at Jerteh market here.

He said it was the intention of Dr Mahathir to promote pandan as a crop identified with Malaysia.

If the study proved positive, efforts would be made to grow the crop on commercial basis.

A total of 42 fire victims received a total of RM90,150 from the state government at the function.--Bernama

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