

Education fund for children

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight launched the Farmers Education Foundation set up by the National Farmers Association (Nafas) to provide financial assistance to members' children.

The foundation was launched at a dinner organised by Nafas in conjunction with the National Farmers, Livestock Breeders and Fishermen Day.

Dr Mahathir said he hoped the foundation would benefit students who genuinely needed assistance.

"I hope the association will choose students who are genuinely interested in their studies to receive the financial assistance as its members have to make sacrifices to contribute to the foundation."

The foundation will be managed by an administrative committee comprising representatives from Nafas, State farmers organisations and area farmers organisation.

At its launch, the foundation collected RM136,000 in contributions from all 13 State farmers organisations, including RM30,000 from Nafas and RM10,000 from Bank Pertanian Malaysia. The Farmers Organisation Authority has also pledged to donate RM100,000.

For starters, 13 students — one from each State — who excelled in their Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia examination last year will be given an RM500 grant each.