

11 JUL 1996  
Zaleha-PM  
DAY TO SAY THANK YOU TO PM ON JULY 16

KUALA LUMPUR, July 11 (Bernama) -- The Ministry of National Unity and Social Development together with Love Malaysia Club will make July 16 a day to say thank you to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in conjunction with his 15th year as Prime Minister of Malaysia.

The minister Datin Paduka Hajjah Zaleha Ismail said under the leadership of Dr Mahathir the country and the people had attained development in all fields.

"The list of his contributions since he became Prime Minister is too long . . . . his biggest contribution has been to project Malaysia to the world and his defence of human dignity should be appreciated by all Malaysians," she told reporters after the National Welfare Foundation Aid Presentation here today.

Zaleha asked the people either individually, or as an organisation, company or through any institution to express their love and support for the Prime Minister.

The notes of appreciation will be recorded by a secretariat beginning on Tuesday before the presentation to Dr Mahathir.

Zaleha said the event was in line with the Malaysian spirit of appreciation and more importantly it would also teach the younger generation to learn to appreciate leaders who had contributed to the nation's prosperity.

Notes of appreciation can be sent to:  
Sekretariat Ucapan Terima Kasih Kepada Perdana Menteri,  
d/a Jabatan Perpaduan Negara,  
Tingkat 19, Wisma Bumiraya,  
Jalan Raja Laut, 50517, Kuala Lumpur  
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Meanwhile, six voluntary welfare organisations and two patients received financial aid amounting to RM668,000 from the National Welfare Foundation at the function.

Organisations receiving the aid were Bethany Home, Teluk Intan (RM140,000), Malaysian Children Welfare Council (RM58,000), Day Center for Spastic Children, Ipoh (RM45,000), Malaysian Orphans Welfare Organisation (RM43,000), Yayasan Anak Yatim Piatu Islam Daerah Port Dickson (RM25,000) and the 7th Disabled People Games Committee and Sarawak Asean Invitation (RM200,000).

Low Chun Leong, 9, received RM100,000 for liver transplant and Gerard Francis De Cruz received RM57,000 for heart operation.

Zaleha also said her ministry would hold National Unity Day 1996 on September 16 at institutions of higher learning. --BERNAMA

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