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"HAVE VISION," DISTRICT OFFICERS TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- District officers must have their own vision and mission to realise the development plans for their district, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid said today.

He said a clear and dynamic vision was vital to ensure every district has its own unique development features.

Their vision must be in line with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to transform rural areas into vibrant growth centres giving emphasis to human development, he said.

In the context of implementing their vision, district officers must ensure that the programmes carried out were in keeping with objectives of the National Development Policy being translated into action at district levels, he said.

Every district office must have its own agenda aimed at improving the people's quality of life in efforts to create a civil society, he said when opening the Pan-Malaysia District Officers' Conference, here.

The three-day conference organised by the National Institute of Public Administration (Intan) is aimed at enhancing the capabilities and skills of district officers.

He said the Seventh Malaysia Plan's new dimension in development strategies to ensure balanced development in rural and urban areas must be used as the guide in problem-solving.

In this regard, he urged district officers to be sensitive to absolute and relative poverty as well as the disparity between the rich and poor, he said.

Ahmad Sarji said they should also strive to bridge the rural-urban gap as such trend would continue in view of the unbalanced globalisation.

"Hence, it is the responsibility of district officers to be pro-active to ensure rural areas and rural folks are not left behind in the globalisation process," he added. -- BERNAMA

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