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HELP POOR STUDENTS TO INVEST IN ASW 2020, PNB TOLD

KANGAR, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim today suggested that Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) introduce facilities to enable the poor students to invest Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020 (ASW 2020).

He said this would ensure that the unit trust scheme which was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed on Aug 28 would not benefit only certain sections of the society.

"The move could also reduce the poverty gap among the communities and by the year 2000, there will be no more hardcore poor in Perlis," he said when launching the ASW 2020 for the state here.

He urged parents to grab the opportunity and invest in ASW 2020 for their children in view of its good returns.

They should not to be influenced by a "fatwa" issued in an east coast state that the investment was "haram" in Islam, contrary to the stand of the National Fatwa Council, he said.

Shahidan feared that such belief could frustrate the government's efforts to encourage the people in particular young Malaysians to participate in the nation's economy through shares ownership. -- BERNAMA

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