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KING WANTS YOUTHS TO ACQUIRE SKILLS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY

KUALA LUMPUR, May 31 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar tonight urged Malaysian youths to acquire skills in science and technology to ensure the success of the national industrialisation policy.

They should also be well versed in information technology, he said in his official birthday message over radio and television.

"Only the country which is well prepared can meet the pressures of an expanding world economy which is gradually opening up," His Majesty said.

He said workers' efficiency would be increased through more knowledge, skills and the capacity to master sophisticated industrial production technology under the Seventh Malaysia Plan.

Under the seventh plan, labour-intensive industries would no longer be encouraged and instead the country would stress on high-technology and capital-intensive industries, the King said.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong also invited the people particularly youngsters to take the initiative to cultivate good values and develop a noble and cultured personality.

"A strong will, discipline, unwavering faith, thoughtfulness, hard work, trust and honesty should be nurtured in our young people," His Majesty said.

The King noted that the high level of tolerance among the people of various races and religions in Malaysia had contributed to national harmony.

"Each of the communities has played its role in such a fine way in safeguarding national harmony. Each of the races has been sensitive to the customs and beliefs of others so much so the Malaysian people understand each other well and are able to mix freely and fit exactly into any situation," His Majesty said.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong urged the people to cooperate closely with the Government of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to ensure even greater success in national development. -- BERNAMA

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