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SULTAN WANTS MORE GREEN PARKS IN MAJOR TOWNS (with pix)

SHAH ALAM, March 15 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Selangor has said more public parks are needed, especially in major towns, for family recreation.

He said the green parks where parents could take their children for a walk over the weekends or during their free time would strengthen the family relationship in an era where Malaysia was moving towards developed nation status.

Speaking at a party for reporters held in conjunction with his recent 70th birthday celebrations, at Istana Bukit Kayangan, here, last night, His Royal Highness said towns like Shah Alam needed more wide and green parks to create a pleasant atmosphere for family recreation.

The Sultan also thanked the Federal Government for honouring him by naming the Subang Airport after him.

His Royal Highness said he was informed about the honour while he was in Mecca by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He also commended Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib for his government's hard work in attracting investments to Selangor apart from successfully reducing the poverty rate and bringing prosperity to the state.

The Cik Puan Besar of Selangor Datuk Amar Siti Aishah was also present.

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