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DR MAHATHIR AND WIFE ENTERTAIN 190 CHILDREN FROM WELFARE HOMES

KUALA LUMPUR, April 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali today entertained more than 190 children from various welfare homes in conjunction with Children's Day at Carcosa Seri Negara here.

Dr Mahathir also presented gifts to the children who came from five homes in the Federal Territory and eight in Selangor including Rumah Bakti, Tengku Budriah Childrens' Home and the Spastic Children's Association of Selangor.

In her speech, Dr Siti Hasmah urged the people, including the corporate sector, to assist the needy children by giving them morale and financial support so that they would not be left behind in the country's progress.

The function was jointly organised by the Badan Amal Kebajikan Tenaga Isteri-Isteri Menteri dan Timbalan Menteri (BAKTI), Matsushita Air-Conditioning Group of Companies and Carcosa Sdn Bhd.

"We can be proud that children's rights in Malaysia are protected by the law but parents, adults and the community at large should ensure that these rights are observed," she said.

She also advised parents to avoid the misconception about responsibility towards their children by showering them with luxury but not giving attention and love.

At the function, Dr Siti Hasmah received a cheque of RM100,000 from Matsushita's Managing Director Ikuo Miyamoto. The money would be distributed to the welfare homes. -- BERNAMA

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