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KEDAH TO INCREASE ITS POOL OF ACHIEVERS

LANGKAWI, March 23 (Bernama) -- Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid has expressed the hope that the state will be able to produce more achievers through various education programmes.

He said the performance of Kedah students had declined lately and it was appropriate for efforts to be intensified to increase the number of achievers in the state.

Kedah produced the nation's founding father -- Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and several other greats in various fields and was ahead of other states in this respect, he said at a reception here last night for 57 people who received awards from the Sultan of Kedah in conjunction with his 69th birthday.

They comprised government officers, community leaders, industrialists and leaders of Barisan Nasional parties from Langkawi.

Sanusi said Malaysians should be proud of Dr Mahathir, who is now acknowledged as a world statesman.

Dr Mahathir has just received the King Faisal International Award for his contributions to Islam. -- BERNAMA

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