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Khalid: Make the young be aware of past struggles

PENANG, Tues. - The young generation must be made to be aware that the development and success the country has attained today was not gained by sudden flight but rather through hard work over 40 years.

Deputy Education Minister Datuk Mohd Khalid Yunus said today they must be made aware of the struggles of past and present leaders towards preparing the future for them.

"Whereas in the past Malaysia was little heard of, today, not only is Malaysia known the world over, but Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is also known to the international community.

"In fact, the name of Dr Mahathir and Malaysia has become synonymous in recent years and that more than 130 countries throughout the world recognise Dr Mahathir as a capable and visionary leader," he said.

"The young must also be made aware and appreciate the carefully-forged peace and unity in a plural society with diverse backgrounds like ours towards a concerted effort to develop the country," he said.

Khalid said this when officiating an effort by Midlands Park Centre to enter a record in the Guinness Book of Records with a first-ever Malaysian flag made entirely from 10,430 computer diskettes.

After placing the final seven pieces to the flag measuring 13 metres by 6.7 metres - comprising 4,195 red, 4,338 white, 1,620 blue and 277 yellow diskettes, he signed a certificate attesting to the feat.

The idea behind using diskettes was to tie in the National Day celebrations with Information Technology Fair '97 being held at the complex until Aug 31.

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