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Project to tackle poverty

SABAK BERNAM, Fri. - In line with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for a global crusade against poverty, senior officials of Asean member countries visited Desa Kasih, Selangor's special project in poverty eradication.

Present to welcome them at Desa Kasih off Jalan Parit Lapan were Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa, Yayasan Basmi Kemiskinan chairman Datuk Zainal Sakom and State Exco members.

The Desa Kasih project was initiated by YBK, a non-governmental organisation established in 1990 with the sole objective of tackling poverty.

Annuar told the visitors that the Desa Kasih project was a clear example of close co-operation between the Government and a non-governmental organisation in achieving a mutual objective.

Among the senior Asean officials present were Philippine Undersecretary Emmanuel Buendia of the Social Reform Committee Office of the President; and Cambodian Undersecretary Ngy Chanpal.

Others present were Brunei Deputy Home Minister Datuk Paduka Abidin OKP Abdul Rashid; and Dr Mubiarto (Indonesia).

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