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THE MEANING OF INDEPENDENCE MUST BE INBUED IN THE YOUNG

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik today urged the young generation to cherish the true meaning of Independence and strengthen their commitment to make Malaysia a developed nation by 2020.

Understanding its true meaning would help ensure the nation's progress in the two sectors -- the economy and human development.

"We do not want to see only economic development, but we want the economy and mankind to develop abreast," he said when launching the National Day logo competition here.

Sabbaruddin said the theme of this year's National Day celebrations, "Akhlaq Mulia Masyarakat Jaya" (Noble values for the nation to succeed) had been specially chosen to emphasise on the good morality among individuals in the creation of a civil society.

Noble values imbued in the individual would help combat the various social problems like loafing, incest, baby dumping, child abuse and prostitution, he said.

Some 200 selected logos entered for the competition were displayed. One of the 11 best entries was picked by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the logo for this year's celebration.

Muhamad Azid Abdul Latif was awarded RM5,000 for his best entry.

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