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UMNO DIVISION URGED TO STRENGTHEN THE UMMAH

KUALA LUMPUR, April 6 (Bernama) -- The UMNO divisions were today urged to work out a special programme that will involve the participation of successful corporate figures and other professionals to combat social ills in their respective areas.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman said the programme had to be carried out on an integrated approach to strengthen the Muslim community by getting the commitment of parents, kampung committees, Members of Parliament, state assemblymen as well as non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the local students.

The successful corporate figures like accountants, those in government agencies and religious figures should be invited to help offer guidance to students in their areas, he added.

Hamid, who also is Umno's Islamic Religious Affairs Bureau chairman, was speaking to reporters after appearing on TV3's "Malaysia Today" programme, organised by Pusat Islam here.

Also appearing on the panel were Wanita Umno leader Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman and motivation expert Datuk Dr Fadzilah Kamsah.

Held in conjunction with the seminar entitled "A happy Family, a Cure for Social Ills", the programme was jointly sponsored by Umno's Social and Public Complaints Bureau, the Umno Youth and Wanita Umno.

Abdul Hamid said every Umno division must play an active role as directed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed.

He also recalled that Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, as chairman of the special committee to combat social ills, had also given a financial commitment in support of the programme.

The first programme which had been implemented in the Sik parliamentary area, in Kedah should serve as a model, he said.

He hoped that students who participated in the programme would become successful individuals for others to follow.

"The students should be given all the help needed, to reconcile their aspirations with the role model of those who have been successful," he added. -- BERNAMA

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