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Kadazandusun Muruts won't be left out, says CM

KOTA KINABALU, Fri. - Parti Demokratik Sabah will continue to ensure that the Kadazandusun Murut community is not left out from the mainstream of development.

PDS president and Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said the party would carry on with socio-economic programmes to ensure development for the community.

He said over the past four years PDS, which is a Barisan Nasional component party, had implemented various programmes to fulfill the aspirations of the Kadazandusun Murut people.

"PDS has continued to guide and assist the Kadazandusun Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Kadazandusun Language Foundation, among others.

"It is our hope that the KCCI, KLF and other institutions can bring about socio-economic development for the Kadazandusun Murut," Dompok said in his policy speech to mark the fourth PDS congress today.

The congress was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dompok said by carrying out projects, it was hoped that 70 per cent of the Kadazandusun Murut community would pledge their support to the BN.

He said PDS would also work hard to ensure victory for BN candidates during the next election.

"I also urge all BN parties to inculcate solidarity and teamwork within the BN to ensure victory."

Dompok, who is State BN chairman, said two challenges that hampered Sabah's development in the past were previous Governments which could not co-operate with the Federal Government and the race to become Chief Minister among the Muslim Bumiputeras and non-Muslim Bumiputeras.

"State Governments in the past paid more attention on negative sentiments like fighting for top posts at Federal government agencies in Sabah, instead of planning and carrying out development projects," he said.

Dompok also said while the Bumiputeras were fighting among themselves in the political arena, entrepreneurs including from outside Sabah had taken the opportunity to develop Sabah's land resources and timber.

He said to overcome such challenges, the State BN must be strengthened by implementing the BN concept, principle and philosophy.

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