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MAHATHIR TO LAUNCH VISIONARY VILLAGE PROGRAMME IN KELANTAN

SEREMBAN, Aug 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the 600 villages participating in the Gerakan Desa Wawasan, a visionary village programme, at Kampung Chengal in Kadok, Kelantan on Aug 22.

Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said some 2,000 villages had thus far participated in the programme aimed at creating visionary villages.

At least 3,000 villages are expected to join in the programme by end of the year 2000, he told reporters after visiting Kampung Pelegong, a visionary village, in Labu, near here, today.

Through the programme, rural areas could be developed integratedly as it involved the participation of locals to carry out village development activities, he said.

He said the government would provide allocations for the villages to buy computers and to subscribe to Internet facilities.

Computer courses would also be given to Village Development and Security Committee chairmen and members, he added.

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