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Nik Aziz-Mahathir

NIK AZIZ CONCURS WITH DR M ON HIS SUCCESSOR'S QUALITIES

KOTA BAHARU, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today he concurred with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that his successor must be a person of high morals.

He said elevation of a well-mannered person to hold high government positions was in keeping with the Islamic faith which stresses on high moral values and commendable qualities among its ummah.

" I agree with his views as it is in line with Islamic tenets that leaders must possess exemplary qualities for others to follow," he told reporters after opening an international tourism forum, here.

Dr Mahathir said yesterday that a highly knowledgeable society but with low morals is a destroyed society.

The Prime Minister said that at the presentation of the Iskandar Award and inauguration of the computer laboratory of the Sultan Abdul Hamid College, his alma mater, in Alor Setar.

In his speech, Nik Aziz urged tour operators in Kelantan to bring foreign tourists to visit the Islamic religious schools in the state which had been operating since a century ago.

" If possible, the tourists can stay with the students for a few days to observe the teaching and learning of Islam and also study the Kelantan people's culture," he said.

He said foreign tourists continued to visit Kelantan as the cost of living in the state was much lower than other states.

More than 250 participants are attending the forum organised by the state government in collaboration with the Tourist Information Centre and tour and travel agencies.

In JELI, Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said the country's leaders must lead a healthy lifestyle including having high morals and a strong religious background.

He said those holding high positions should not be seen to have weaknesses which were detrimental to religion, race and the country.

A person's stand must be based on his religious belief, she told reporters after launching the district-level Women's Day celebrations here today.

Dr Siti Zaharah, who is Deputy Health Minister, said Malaysian students studying abroad must be nurtured with high moral values to ensure their activities were not contrary to eastern values.

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