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Ramli: Programme has made rural folk resilient

GRIK, Wed. - Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said the Gerakan Desa Wawasan programme launched two years ago has made the rural folk in the State more resilient.

He said they had accepted changes introduced by several government agencies.

"They have learnt to maximise local talents and products, increasing their income," he said when launching the State-level Gerakan Desa Wawasan at Kampung Ganda near here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad launched the national-level campaign in Felcra Seberang Perak in 1996.

Present at yesterday's event were Deputy Minister of Rural Development Datuk K. Kumaran and Deputy Home Minister Datuk Mohd Tajol Rosli Ghazali, who is also Grik MP.

Ramli said since 1996, 126 villages and land schemes in Perak had been included under the programme.

Earlier, Kumaran said his Ministry planned to include 3,000 settlements under the Seventh Malaysia Plan programme.

So far, he said, 1,183 kampungs and land schemes had been included in the programme and RM20.8 million had been spent on socio-economic and infrastructure development.

"We have also provided leadership training to 2,670 people from these settlements."

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