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BN'S SILVER JUBILEE DO TO FOCUS ON YOUNG PEOPLE

KUALA LUMPUR, July 5 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional's Silver Jubilee celebrations this year will be a memorable event for the people particularly youth as it will remind them of Malaysia's success and achievements arising from the BN political philosophy.

BN Secretary-General Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat said today the 25th anniversary celebrations would expose to the younger generation the BN's success in bringing prosperity to this multiracial country.

"Present-day children do not know what is BN. Hence it is only right that we remind them of what the BN has done for this country and introduce them to the BN concept," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after chairing a special meeting of secretaries-general of the 14 BN component parties at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

He said the celebrations would not be a waste of public money as all expenditure would be borne by the BN's internal sources.

The question of the size of the expenditure did not arise as the programmes were important to make the younger generation aware of the BN objectives and the need for the struggle to continue, he said.

The young and also the old generations should be reminded of the many benefits they had gained from the BN struggle and that only the BN had the capacity to lead the nation into the new millennium, he said.

The BN last had a celebration on the 20th year of its birth in 1995.

The celebrations then made the people appreciate all the good the BN had done for the people and this was demonstrated in the more than two-third majority it secured in Parliament after the 1995 General Election, he said.

Last month, the Prime Minister and BN Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced the formation of a committee to organise the celebrations.

It is headed by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi with Mohamed as the secretary, Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin as treasurer and all BN component party leaders as committee members.

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