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BE GRATEFUL, POST INDEPENDENCE GENERATION TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 15 (Bernama) -- The post Independence generation, living in comfort and safety, should not forget the deeds and contributions of leaders who founded the nation into what it is today, said Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said that if the younger generation did not appreciate or were ignorance of their struggles, then the effort to build a generation that would propel the country to greater heights would not succeed.

"Carry on with the struggles founded by country's leaders because as the second and third generation after Independence, we must be willing, if we want this country to continue to progress," he said at the presentation of the Tun Abdul Razak Youth Leadership Award, here tonight.

Wife of the late Tun Razak Tun Hajah Rahah Mohd Noah who is also Najib's mother presented the award to 57 youths who had completed the nine-day leadership training.

Najib also outlined five ingredients for an effective leadership. These are believing in oneself, developing own core value, developing own vision which could be shared by others, having a passion for one's job and must have the love for other people.

He said leaders could be articulated in all fields and it was not just about stepping forward from the crowd to blaze new trails into the unknown and to be able to get others to follow, willingly and with enthusiasm.

"A good example is the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who has managed to inspire Malaysians from all walks of life to embrace Vision 2020 and to accept it as the way forward for the country.

We need a forceful leadership for revitalising the country's financial sector, for reaching out towards excellence in sports and in the arts, for higher standards of practice in the professions and for more effective performance by non-governmental organisations," he added.

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