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Bringing up future adults nurtured on positive values

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ACROSS THE YEARS ... (from left) Teenagers Ferra Aroni Ramli, Oh Joo Hun, Nur Azreen Md Isa, Song See Mun and Noor Hida Razali sharing a moment with senior citizens Arisah Tak, 63, and Rodziah Hassan, 72 (both seated in the centre).

The teenagers are participants of the Sahabat Permata Kasih programme which is aimed at developing teenagers with positive values. It is under the National Unity and Social Development Ministry.

The logo of the programme was launched yesterday by Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

She also launched the national-level Happy Family Movement (Gerakan Keluarga Bahagia) campaign and convention. The State-level events will be launched later.

Dr Siti Hasmah said religious and moral values were crucial and formed the basis of a stable and happy family.

The campaign, aimed at heightening public awareness of the importance of the family institution, is organised by the Ministry through its National Population and Family Development Board.

Dr Siti Hasmah also urged parents to fulfil their responsibility towards family development.

She said there were cases where teenagers and young children were being used by certain parties to do things outside the scope of their traditional values.

"We have to emphasise positive values to avoid being caught up in deviant paths."

Also present was National Unity and Social Development Minister Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail.

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