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DRAW UP PROGRAMMES TO UNITE MALAY STUDENTS- DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants the Peninsular Malay Students Federation (GPMS) to draw up programmes to unite Malay students so that they will not become tools for political purposes, according to GPMS president Datuk Suhaimi Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister also wants more effective religious and computer literacy programmes to be organised for the students, he said.

He was speaking to reporters after he and GPMS top officials met the Prime Minister and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah at Sri Perdana this evening.

Suhaimi and the GPMS officials went to Sri Perdana to invite Dr Siti Hasmah who is one of the founders of the GPMS to a special function in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the GPMS in March.

They were however lucky to have met the Prime Minister who happened to return home just when they were having tea with Dr Siti Hasmah.

According to Suhaimi Dr Mahathir was elated that the GPMS would be revived after five years of inactivity due to money problem.

According to Suhaimi also the Prime Minister had expressed his readiness to help the GPMS with money.

Suhaimi said the 250,000 members of the GPMS would be mobilised to implement the unity and literacy programmes to realise the aspirations of the Prime Minister.

"We will go to the universities, colleges and schools so as to become closer to the students and to instil in them the GPMS' noble struggle," he said.

Dr Siti Hasmah who is also Bakti (association of ministers' and deputy ministers' spouses) said Bakti was ready to cooperate with GPMS to implement community programmes for students.

These included adoption programmes, student exchange programmes between urban and rural areas as well as motivation and education programmes.

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