

Spirit of volunteerism, an asset, PM tells youths

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IPOH: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday stressed the need for youths in the country to inculcate the spirit of volunteerism as it can enhance unity.

He said such a spirit could help the country produce a responsible generation.

As such, he said it was vital that all youth organisations and movements worked hard towards achieving this goal as the future of the country was in the hands of the younger generation.

He said unity must be instilled from young because it

was difficult to mould older minds.

"They must be willing to make sacrifices for the country so that we will continue to live in peace and be able to progress.

"It must come from their hearts and not just because

they expect some returns," he said in his speech at the launching of the National Youth Day celebration at the Perak Stadium here yesterday.

About 30,000 youths from various organisation attended this year's gathering themed

Kesukarelaan Pemangkin Perpaduan (Volunteerism Enhances Unity).

Dr Mahathir said the slogan promoted by foreign culture that "you have to do your own thing" was not relevant to the Malaysian society because it encouraged individualism.