

Campaign on children's rights

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia is committed to the global effort of wiping out all kinds of threats and abuses against children, National Unity and Social Development Minister Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said yesterday.

Towards this end, it will join other nations in launching the Say Yes to Children campaign to bring about greater public awareness on children's rights.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the Malaysia-level programme at the Sunway Lagoon Resort on Sept 1.

Speaking at a media briefing here yesterday, Dr Siti Zaharah said the country's young deserved an environment that was child-friendly, comfortable and healthy.

"This will help them grow to be a generation that is worthy of their community, religion and nation," she said.

She said her ministry, with the help of other ministries and agencies related to the development of children, will carry out a series of programmes aimed particularly at parents and teachers to become more caring towards their children.

"We hear of so many kinds of abuse and threats against children . . . rape, incest, murder, slave labour, broken homes, school dropouts . . . we have to stop all these," she said.

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