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KING WANTS STUDENTS TO EMULATE PAST AND PRESENT LEADERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has said students should take the sacrifices of past and present leaders as models to strengthen their patriotic spirit and purify their Malaysian identity.

His Majesty said the present generation and the entire people should be thankful and indebted to the past generation which had contributed much for the country's wellbeing being experienced now.

"The sacrifices of leaders like Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, Tun Hussein Onn and the present leadership of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad have succeeded in placing Malaysia's name on the world stage," he said in a special message to government school children read out by school principals at a Special 44th National Day School Assembly nationwide today.

The text of the Royal Address was released by Istana Negara tonight.

The King hoped that students and the young generation would always respect their parents, the country's leaders and those who were older and have good morals and character and be devoted to their studies.

Sultan Salahuddin also urged Malaysians particularly students and teachers to strive for peace and harmony in the country.

His Majesty said education activities aimed at unity and a balanced human being from the aspect of spirituality, emotion, character and intellect should be stepped up regularly.

He also hoped the National Day theme "Because of You Malaysia" would be deeply cherished by students.

"Because of you Malaysia, students today are enjoying a conducive learning environment. Because of you Malaysia the world of education in this country is always excellent," His Majesty said.

The King invited Malaysians to jointly raise the Jalur Gemilang with full of pride for being able to live in a peaceful and progressive country.

He said peace and harmony were the major assets of a country for it to generate progress.

"On the other hand a chaotic country can easily invite backwardness, depression, economic ruin and political instability," His Majesty said.

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