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PM TO LAUNCH TUNKU KURSHIAH COLLEGE STUDENTS' WELFARE FUND

SEREMBAN, July 27 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the Tunku Kurshiah College students' welfare fund at a charity dinner here on Sunday, its principal Rokiah Alias said today.

The fund, a joint initiative of the college and its parents and teachers association, is to finance projects to produce students excellent both in curricular and co-curricular activities, she said.

The college, one of the country's premier government-aided fully residential schools for Malay girls, has already set up an orchestra as part of efforts towards that end, she said.

The orchestra, whose honorary patron is the prime minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, will perform at the charity dinner.

Meanwhile, in his message in the event's souvenir programme, Dr Mahathir said the proposed fund would be a boon to needy students of the college.

He hoped they would not waste the opportunity to study there as well as the facilities provided by the government for them to acquire as much knowledge as possible.

"Do not let down your parents whose uppermost concern is to see you become useful and good citizens. Knowledge and self-confidence will make us bold enough to face the challenges ahead as we strive to realise vision 2020 to make Malaysia a developed nation by year 2020," he added.

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