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PRIORITY ON FAMILY VALUES IN GLOBALISATION ERA, SAYS LING

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 2 (Bernama) -- The family institution plays a vital role in creating a society rich in noble values during the era of globalisation, said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

There were negative elements in the media which portrayed badly the family institution and this could influence the youths if they watched it continuously, he said after closing the International Conference On Globalisation here today.

He said the family institution in Malaysia, Southeast and East Asia had high values and upheld the nucleus family identity.

"What can be seen from the current globalisation and cultural imperialism are attempts to erode virtuous like these," he said.

Dr Ling said the younger and future generations should be given proper explanation on the noble values and how to safeguard them from being eroded in the globalisation era.

When asked on the suggestion by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the implementation of the Eighth Malaysia Plan be extended to 10 years from five years, Dr Ling said it was a new suggestion.

"I believe before it is decided, an in-depth discussion will be held especially in the Cabinet and after we study it from various aspects, then we should be able to comment on it," he said.

Seventy-three delegates from 16 nations attended the three-day conference which discussed globalisation impacts against the society in terms of culture, economics and politics.

It was held by the World Evangelical Fellowship with the cooperation of the National Evangelical Christian Fellowship Malaysia.

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