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Mahathir-Undergraduates

UNDERGRADUATES' IDEALISM SHOULD BE IN LINE WITH NATION'S STRUGGLE

KUALA LUMPUR, June 30 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today undergraduates should have idealism that is in line with the country's struggle to set a common goal.

The prime minister said undergraduates with clear idealism would become members of society with a clear objective to build the kind of nation yearned for by the people.

"Undergraduates cannot run away from the nation's struggle to champion the religion and race," he said in the souvenir programme of a symposium on setting the direction of idealism of undergraduates in the new millennium at Universiti Malaya here.

He said the role of undergraduates in determining and charting the course of national development had been acknowledged since time immemorial.

The undergraduates were considered an anointed lot chosen from the thousands of Malaysians and their actions were often used as an example and an inspiration to the people, he said.

Dr Mahathir added that the villagers were always praising their children who were studying in tertiary institutions and the deeds and opinions of these students were often accepted as "the gospel truth" by a section of the society.

"That's how high the appreciation that is placed on the undergraduates, he said.

He hoped that the symposium organised by the Yayasan Penggerak Wawasan would come up with an action plan to steer the undergraduates in the new millennium.

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