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BAKTI GIVES TREAT TO SPECIAL CHILDREN

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 22 (Bernama) -- The Charitable Body of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) today entertained 400 less fortunate children in a function at Sri Perdana here.

The function was attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the guest of honour.

In her speech, Bakti president Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, who is the Prime Minister's wife, said the gathering was meant to cheer up the special children.

She said the culture of feting special children, as often organised by corporate bodies and the public sector, should be maintained as a sign of gratefulness for the country's peace and prosperity.

"We should be aware of the situations in other countries where children perish due to starvation, die of violence, die of neglect and other reasons," she said.

The children, from 15 welfare bodies, were also entertained with a performance by the Istana Budaya Dancers.

The Prime Minister also presented souvenirs to the children.

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