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CARRY OUT ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, JKKKs TOLD

BANGI, Sept 22 (Bernama) -- Village Development and Security Committees (JKKKs) have been urged to undertake economic activities that will provide additional income to villagers.

Rural Development Deputy Minister Datuk G. Palanivel said JKKKs should not mainly concentrate on improving infrastructure facilities like roads and drains.

"It's time JKKKs played an increasing role to reduce income disparities between the people living in rural and urban areas," he said when closing a management course for 70 JKKK committee members from Hulu Selangor here today.

The three-day course was organised by the Rural Development Ministry aimed at improving management skills of JKKK committee members.

Palanivel, who is also Hulu Selangor MP, said the government allocated hundreds of millions of ringgit to improve infrastructure facilities in rural areas nationwide.

He said JKKKs should pay attention to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's 2003 Budget speech in Parliament on Friday on the "one village, one industry" concept.

"Many areas in the country have sufficient rainfall, fertile soil and good infrastructures, making it suitable for agricultural activities," he said.

He hoped JKKKs would concentrate on organising and implementing programmes that were economic in nature.

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