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CREATE BALANCE BETWEEN FAMILY AND CAREER, SAYS ZALEHA

PENANG, Dec 21 (Bernama) -- The government has been urged to make fatherhood courses compulsory to ensure that more men participate in the courses prepared by the Population and Family Development Board (LPPKN).

LPPKN chairman Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail said the board would send a proposal on the matter to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to ensure that its module achieved the desired aim.

"The response to fatherhood course introduced in the last five years was at only five per cent compared to the participation of women in parenting courses," Zaleha told reporters after launching the "Family First Carnival" at the Penang International Sports Arena here today.

"Fathers should be more committed in participating in such courses to help shape harmonious and happy families and to learn about parenting. She said other courses on strengthening marriage such as "bahtera kasih" received poor response from men.

Zaleha said that men and women must play their part to strike a balance between family and career.

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