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MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF S'WAK'S POPULATION HAS WATER

KUCHING, June 12 (Bernama) -- More than 90 per cent of Sarawak's population has access to treated water at present, Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud said today.

Efforts were underway to extend the supply to the rest of the 10 per cent of the population, he said after attending a seminar on "Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's Thoughts" organised by Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) here.

He said pipes were being laid to extend clean and treated water to four villages in Pulau Bruit near Sarikei.

The remaining villages in the Pulau Bruit and Sarikei areas would have water supply when a RM45 million water treatment project was completed in about two years from now.

He said the Sarawak Government was trying its best to provide water supply to people in the most remote rural parts of Sarawak.

On the seminar, the Chief Minister said Malaysians should value the points stressed by the Prime Minister such as self-reliance, confidence and good work ethics.

According to Abdul Taib there were many more things that Malaysians had yet to learn from Dr Mahathir.

"The late Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak told me then that Dr Mahathir is the cleverest of them all...", he said.

Abdul Taib said Dr Mahathir had laid the foundation for Malaysians to achieve developed nation status for the country by 2020.

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