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PM TO CHAIR SPECIAL COMMISSION ON MONITORING NSP

KUALA LUMPUR, March 1 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will chair a special commission which will monitor the implementation of the National Social Policy (NSP).

Deputy National Unity and Social Development Minister Dr Tiki Lafe said the commission was being formed following the approval of the NSP on Feb 19 by the Cabinet.

He was speaking to reporters after launching the Universiti Malaya Family Day which was attended by some 8,000 people including academic staff.

Dr Tiki said his ministry would act the secretariat for the implementation of the policy.

Other members of the commission had yet to be named, he said.

He said the policy would be the umbrella policy stressing on humanitarian concepts and would be referred in the course of the implementation of other policies such as the National Development Policy and the National Agriculture Policy.

"An instrument for the implementation of policy will be the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) study. All development projects should have the SIA before they can be approved and implemented," he said.

The NSP encompassed the philosophy behind various other social policies and would set the direction for the planning and implementation of balanced social development programmes, Dr Tiki added.

The NSP was earlier approved by the Cabinet Committee for the Eradication of Social Problems.

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