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LEARNING FROM OUR PAST

As part of the Perdana Leadership Foundation's 2006-2007 Public Outreach Programme, "Nurturing the Minds of Future Leaders" Essay Contest invited students in secondary and tertiary institutions to contribute their thoughts on Malaysian leadership history.

Students in the lower secondary school category were asked to write about the contributions of one past Prime Minister; upper secondary school students were invited to give their thoughts on national unity while tertiary level students were asked to elaborate on the five lessons learnt from Malaysian history. Essays could be in English or Bahasa Malaysia.

All entries had to be backed by substantial research with materials found in the Perdana Library. The contest received more than three hundred entries from all over Malaysia and were evaluated by a panel of judges which include Professor Emeritus Datuk Dr. Khoo Kay Kim, Datuk A Kadir Jasin and Ms Hardev Kaur.

Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Perdana Leadership Foundation, gave away the prizes at the ceremony held on 19 August in Putrajaya, which was attended by nearly four hundred students, heads of institutions, principals and teachers from schools and institutions all over Malaysia.



"We set questions that we hope would get students to think deeply, analyse critically and to get them to travel to the past to better understand the present and formulate their opinions of the future. This Foundation is built upon the premise that history — particularly this nation's leadership history — offers great lessons for the future. It is by learning from our past leadership — their mistakes as well as successes — that future leaders of Malaysia can chart a better course for the country."



The happy, deserving winners receiving their prizes