

DPM Wants Public to Support Charity Programmes to Help Cancer Patients

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi wants the people in the country to always give their support to charity programmes aimed at raising funds to help cancer patients.

He said this was because cancer could become the main cause of financial problem as the treatment could be so costly, besides affecting the patient's ability to work.

"Financial problem can have negative impact to the patients as it could affect their treatment arrangements," he said when gracing the 'Bingkisan Kaseh Kanser' Charity Dinner organised by Malaysian Cancer Foundation and Persatuan Orang Kota Bharu (POKB) here today.

His speech text was read by Communication and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak.

The deputy prime minister said the financial burden would become heavier for the underprivileged group with limited social security network.

"Therefore, I call on all members of the public, government agencies, private companies and non-governmental organisations, to come together and continue helping Yayasan Kanser Malaysia and POKB in reducing the burden shouldered by these cancer patients," he said.

In a video clip of Ahmad Zahid's message shown to the audience at the event, the deputy prime minister called on the Communication and Multimedia Ministry to play a role in disseminating information on cancer to the people.

"Having sufficient information about cancer is the key to help cancer patients. The ministry has to play a role in disseminating that information," he added.

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