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Mahathir-sacrifice (With pix)

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight the young generation should **appreciate the fighting spirit** displayed by the leaders and people in seeking national independence to ensure a brighter future for the country.

This would ensure that the country produce a generation that was not only willing to sacrifice but work hard to guarantee the country's continued progress, peace and prosperity, he said.

Launching the 'Buku Daftar Hari Merdeka 1990+', a chronicle of past National Day celebrations, he said was the people's responsibility to guide the younger generation towards the right path to keep them away from unhealthy activities that could jeopardise the objective of making Malaysia a developed nation by the year 2020.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir urged the people to spare a thought for leaders who had fought for independence as the prosperity being enjoyed today was made possible by their sacrifices. -- more

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He was happy that the private sector had contributed **money** towards **the** publication of the book.

This spirit of co-operation should be maintained to help realise the Vision 2020 objective, he said.

The book, published by the National Day Celebrations Central Committee, outlines the nation's history and gives an account of its economic, social and cultural life.

It also records the past National Day celebrations and the names of companies that won awards in conjunction with the celebrations.

For tourists, it would provide a glimpse of the country and its people.

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At the function, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir handed over prizes to winners of six categories of competitions for private companies held in conjunction with last year's National Day celebrations.

The Shell Companies in Malaysia won the first prize, from among private companies, which paid the largest amount of tax for 1989. Shell also won the first prize for making the biggest contribution towards improving the quality of its workers and society in general.

Shell also won second place for having recorded the highest export value for 1989. Syarikat Esso was first.

The Kumpulan Guthrie Berhad won the first prize for showing the biggest improvement from the aspect of income tax payment.

Pacific Chemicals Berhad won the first prize for showing the greatest improvement in terms of tax paid compared to the paid-up-capital.

Golden Hope Plantations won the first prize for employing the biggest number of workers.

The Prime Minister's wife Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah and Chairman of the National Day Celebrations Committee Agriculture Minister Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid were also present at the function. - - Bernama

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