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## Education necessary for success of rural plan, says youth leader

SINGAPORE, Tues. — A Federation youth leader, Syed Kamarulzaman bin Syed Bahaldin, said here today that education of the rural people was necessary for the success of the Government's rural development programme.

Syed Kamarulzaman is leading three Federation delegates to the Philippines and Thailand to establish an exchange programme of rural youths. He is secretary-general of the newly-formed Rural Youth Organisation.

He said it was right that the Government should expect active participation from the rural people now that it had taken the initiative to create opportunities and offer facilities for rural development.

Syed Kamarulzaman said

that the aim of the Rural Youth Organisation was to guide rural people to cooperate with the Government and take part in the development plan.

"The political emancipation of the rural population must be supplemented by their education if the Government is really to succeed in its drive to improve their livelihood," he said.

The youth leader emphasised the importance of co-operative societies in

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the second phase of the plan.

As a Government co-operative society official, Syed Kamarulzaman has travelled extensively in many countries, including Canada, India, Ghana and Ceylon, to study their societies.

Syed Kamarulzaman is accompanied by Inche Shuhud bin Haji Saad and Inche Raya bin Ibrahim, both final-year students of the Agriculture College at Serdang.

They will study the structure, administration and planning of rural youth organisation activities in the Philippines and Thailand.

They will also explore the possibilities of setting up an exchange programme for rural youths in these three countries. All member states of the Association of South-East Asia.



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