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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 25 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID IT IS IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS TO KNOW ABOUT THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER DESCRIBED STUDENTS AS AN IMPORTANT GROUP IN THE SOCIETY ALTHOUGH THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AT PRESENT WAS TO CONCENTRATE ON THEIR STUDIES.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID THIS IN A MESSAGE TO THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE JAKARTA UMNO CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF ITS LAUNCHING ON SATURDAY.

THE CLUB IS INITIATED BY THE MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA, DATUK MOHAMAD RAHMAT, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL.

MARA CHAIRMAN HAJI ABDUL RAHIM BAKAR, ALSO AN UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBER, WILL OFFICIATE THE CEREMONY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DESCRIBED THE SETTING UP OF THE CLUB AS 'TIMELY' BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF MALAYSIAN STUDENTS RESIDING IN JAKARTA AND IN INDONESIA. -- MORE 1630/MB

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HE SAID THAT AS THE POLITICAL BACKBONE OF THE COUNTRY UMNO NEEDED THE INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE MALAY COMMUNITY.

IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR UMNO MEMBERS TO PUT ASIDE THEIR SELF INTEREST IN THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY, RELIGION AND THE COUNTRY.

'THIS IS THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH UMNO'S INTEGRITY LIES AND WHICH SHOULD ALWAYS BE INSTILLED IN EVERYONE,' HE SAID.

HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE CLUB WOULD HELP STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIAN STUDENTS AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN INDONESIA.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM, WHO IS ALSO DEPUTY UMNO PRESIDENT, IN HIS MESSAGE SAID THAT UMNO AS A POLITICAL PARTY WHICH FORMED THE BACKBONE OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS PAVING THE WAY TOWARDS BUILDING A MORE GLORIOUS NATION.

THIS, HE SAID, REQUIRED THE MOBILIZATION OF MANPOWER AND INTELLECTUAL RESOURCES ON STRATEGIES AND RESTRUCTURING OF PROGRAMMES WHICH COULD ENSURE THE REALIZATION OF THESE ASPIRATIONS. -- MORE 1635/MB

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HE ADDED THAT IF THE PEOPLE COULD SUCCEED IN CONVERTING THE COUNTRY'S ASPIRATION OF A MORE GLORIOUS NATION INTO A PERSONAL AMBITION OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL, GOD WILLING, THE COUNTRY COULD SEE GREAT CHANGES WHICH COULD SURPRISE THE WORLD.

UMNO SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK MUSATAFFA JABAR IN WELCOMING THE SETTING UP OF THE CLUB SAID THAT UMNO WAS A DYNAMIC AND A GROWING POLITICAL PARTY WHICH DETERMINED THE POLICIES AND OBJECTIVE OF THE COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA 1640/MB