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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 12 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MORE MALAYSIANS WILL BE ADVENTUROUS AND TAKE PART IN SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS.

HE SAID THAT MALAYSIA ATTRACTED MANY OUTSIDERS WHO CAME HERE TO CARRY OUT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BUT THE LOCAL PEOPLE WERE NOT INTERESTED IN SUCH ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE AMPANG JAYA UMNO DELEGATES CONFERENCE HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID THAT AN INTEREST IN EXPLORING WOULD WIDEN AND DEVELOP ONE'S VIEWS AND PERSONALITY AS WELL AS MAKE A PERSON PREPARED TO FACE ANY CHALLENGE.

HE CITED THE ENDAU-ROMPIN AREA, WHICH HE CONSIDERED AS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SPOTS IN MALAYSIA, AS A SUITABLE AREA FOR SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT BURMESE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER THURA U TUN TIN, WHO VISITED MALAYSIA RECENTLY, DREW HIS ATTENTION TO BURMA'S HIGH MOUNTAINS IN THE NORTH, ADDING THAT LOCAL MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS COULD TRAIN THEMSELVES IN BURMA AND AT LOCAL MOUNTAINS SUCH AS GUNUNG TAHAN OR GUNUNG KINABALU WHILE AWAITING TO SCALE MOUNTAINS IN NEPAL. -- BERNAMA

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