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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 10 (BERNAMA) -- YOUTH CLUBS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE CREATION OF A NEW MALAYSIAN NATION EARNING THE RESPECT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

+SUCH CLUBS HAVE MEMBERS WHO PRACTISE MODERATION, ACCEPT THE REALITIES OF THE COUNTRY'S MULTIRACIAL NATURE, ARE PREPARED FOR INTER-COMMUNITY COOPERATION AND PLACE THE NATION'S DEVELOPMENT BEFORE NARROW PERSONAL INTERESTS,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS OFFICIATING AT THE SIMULTANEOUS OPENING OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS (MAYC) COMPLEX AND THE 32ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MAYC HERE.

EFFORTS TOWARDS THE CREATION OF +THE NEW MALAYSIANS+ SHOULD BEGIN IN THE YOUTH COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

+IN THIS RESPECT, THE ROLE YOUTH CLUBS SUCH AS THE MAYC CAN PLAY IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR NOTED THAT AT PRESENT, CERTAIN COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY WERE INADEQUATELY REPRESENTED IN THE YOUTH MOVEMENT. -- MORE

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HE SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WANTED TO JOIN THE MAYC BUT FAILED TO DO SO BECAUSE OF VARIOUS CONSTRAINTS.

THE CAUSES OF THIS SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED TO ENABLE A GREATER NUMBER OF THE YOUTH TO JOIN THE YOUTH MOVEMENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR DEFINED +THE NEW MALAYSIANS+, AS ENVISAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AS A NATION OF PEOPLE IMBUED WITH THE SPIRIT OF NATIONALISM THAT TOOK INTO COGNIZANCE RELIGIOUS REQUIREMENTS.

HE SAID SUCH A SPIRIT WOULD ENCOURAGE THESE PEOPLE TO WORK HARD FOR THE COUNTRY AND DEVELOP INTO A PROGRESSIVE NATION RESPECTED BY THE WHOLE WORLD.

TWO OF THE CRUCIAL FACTORS FOR ATTAINING THIS OBJECTIVE WERE A SENSE OF DISCIPLINE AND A CAPACITY FOR HARD WORK AMONG THE YOUTH OF THE COUNTRY. -- MORE

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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO BUILD A STRONG AND RESPECTED NATION HAD BEEN CONFRONTED BY GROUPS THAT DID NOT WISH TO SEE THIS COUNTRY PROGRESS.

+WHENEVER WE SAY THAT WE WANT TO CREATE A CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY COMMUNITY, THEY LOOK FOR SO-CALLED EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT WE ARE NOT CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THEY BROUGHT UP ALL KINDS OF ISSUES THEY THEMSELVES HAD DELIBERATELY CREATED TO SAY THAT THE +CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY+ SLOGAN WAS NOT PRACTISED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

+I FEEL THAT SUCH PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO SABOTAGE ALL OUR EFFORTS AND THEY ARE CERTAIN TO GET THE SUPPORT OF FOREIGNERS WHO DO NOT LIKE US,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THESE WERE THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORTED RACIST OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION. -- MORE

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MAYC PRESIDENT DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID WHO IS AGRICULTURE
MINISTER ON BEHALF OF THE 250,000 STRONG ASSOCIATION PLEDGED SUPPORT
FOR THE VARIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION WERE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI
HASMAH, MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS AND MAYC'S FIRST PRESIDENT TAN
SRI HAJI MUBIN SHEPPARD. -- BERNAMA
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