

# Learn each other's strengths, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Malaysians should learn each other's strengths and weaknesses in order to forge a spirit of brotherhood and erase polarisation for the sake of the future generations, the Prime Minister said today.

He said the older generation must ensure that such a spirit be inculcated and nurtured in children who were the country's hope for the future.

"If we are successful, our children will certainly develop patriotism for the country because without it, the future will be doomed," Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said at a reception for 100 of his foster children at his *Seri Perdana* residence.

Dr Mahathir said that in the process of learning from each other, the positive aspects must be enhanced and practised

widely while the negative ones should be avoided and accepted as a lesson.

As an example, the people could learn from the Chinese how to practise trading in the same way they could learn the finer points of politics from the Malays while through the Indians, the people will discover the true meaning of industriousness.

Dr Mahathir said that the country would achieve success if its people understood each other's sensitivities.

Many people, he said, were unable to accept the realities of the multi-racial and multi-religious concept the country practised because they were never given the chance to nurture it.

It was for this reason that polarisation among the races existed but if the problem was attended to now, it could steadily be erased.