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MELAKA, APRIL 13⁸⁷ (BERNAMA) -- EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF MELAKA, ESPECIALLY AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, NEED DETAILED PLANNING, PRIME MINISTER DATUK DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAYS.

ALTHOUGH MELAKA IS RICH WITH HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS, EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP MEASURES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT TO PROMOTE THE STATE, HE SAYS IN HIS MESSAGE IN THE SOUVENIR PROGRAMME FOR THE THREE-DAY CONVENTION ON MELAKA'S PROCLAMATION AS AN HISTORICAL CITY HERE.

HE SAYS MELAKA, APART FROM HAVING HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND BEING THE ORIGINAL SEAT OF THE MALAY GOVERNMENT, ALSO USED TO BE A MAJOR PORT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE MEETING PLACE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADERS.

MELAKA ALSO EXPERIENCED RULE UNDER EUROPEAN POWERS SUCH AS THE DUTCH, PORTUGUESE AND ENGLISH, HE ADDS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAYS REMNANTS OF FOREIGN RULE COULD STILL BE FOUND IN THE STATE TODAY.

ON THE CONVENTION, HE HOPES THE PARTICIPANTS WILL STUDY AND FORMULATE EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO MAKE MELAKA FAMOUS NOT ONLY AS A CITY WITH A RICH HERITAGE BUT ALSO AS A CULTURAL MEETING PLACE. --
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