

MAHATHIR-POETRY

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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 25 (BERNAMA) -- POETS WERE TONIGHT URGED TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR STRUGGLE THROUGH THEIR WORKS TO BUILD A HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

IN MAKING THE CALL, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHANAD SAID JUST AS THE GOVERNMENT STRUGGLED TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS AND THE UNITED NATIONS FORUM, POETS TOO HAD UNIQUE HUMAN ASPIRATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE PURSUED THROUGH THEIR WORKS.

THEREFORE, POETS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE COUNTRIES THEY CAME FROM, SHOULD TOGETHER STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR SACRED HUMAN ASPIRATIONS FOR THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE, HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE FOUR-DAY KUALA LUMPUR POETRY READING HERE.

POETS FROM AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, MALTA, INDONESIA, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, SINGAPORE, USSR, THE PHILIPPINES, FLO, NIGERIA, SPAIN, PAKISTAN, INDIA, IRAN, KOREA, EGYPT, YUGOSLAVIA, THAILAND, FRANCE AND MALAYSIA ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT ORGANISED BY THE DEWAN BAHASA DAN PUSTAKA. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT OFTEN STRESSED THE NEED FOR TOTAL DISARMAMENT, A DREAM ALSO SHARED BY POETS WHO WISHED TO SEE A PEACEFUL WORLD.

HE GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT MALAYSIA, FOLLOWING ITS SUCCESS IN SECURING A SEAT IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, WOULD LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED IN ITS EFFORTS TO SEEK WORLD PEACE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO SPEAK UP AGAINST DADAH ABUSE. -- BERNAMA

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