

All views will be sought for post-1990 policy: PM

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JITRA, Mon. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government would be fair to all in the formulation of an economic policy after 1990, the year when the New Economic Policy is scheduled to expire.

Dr Mahathir said the Government would seek not only the views of all Barisan Nasional component parties but those of other relevant sectors.

"We will not merely seek the views of Barisan Nasional component parties alone, but also those of intellectuals, businessmen, and other sectors," he told reporters today.

Dr Mahathir was responding to a suggestion by Gerakan president Datuk Dr Lim Keng Yaik that a National Economic Policy be drawn up for implementation after the NEP expires.

At the Gerakan annual delegates' conference in Penang over the weekend, Datuk Dr Lim said the new policy should provide equal opportunity for all and his party was prepared to work closely with other parties in the Barisan in coming to a consensus on the programme.

He also said the process of consultation should be started immediately.

Consultations

Dr Mahathir said views would be sought from all relevant parties soon.

The Prime Minister said the consultations were necessary to ensure that the economic policy would be sound and fair to all Malaysians.

Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba had said recently that all Barisan component parties would be invited to present their views on the new policy.

Dr Mahathir, who chaired the Kubang Pasu Umno divisional meeting last night said he had briefed those present on the latest political developments in the country.