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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 16 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE MIC LEADERS WILL WORK TOWARDS STRENGTHENING THE PARTY NOW THAT THE PARTY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS OVER.

CONGRATULATING DATUK SERI S. SAMY VELLU ON HIS VICTORY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE MIC, AS A COMPONENT PARTY OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL, SHOULD CLOSE RANKS AND ENHANCE COOPERATION WITH THE BN.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE +UNDERSTANDING MALAYSIA+ EXHIBITION AT THE PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE (PWTC) HERE.

IN THE MIC PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, DATUK SERI S. SAMY VELLU, THE ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTS MINISTER, BEAT EIGHT OTHER CANDIDATES INCLUDING MIC DEPUTY PRESIDENT DATUK S. SUBRAMANIAM TO RETAIN THE TOP PARTY POST.

EARLIER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR PRESSED A BUTTON TO LIGHT UP A MAP MADE OF BRASS SHOWING THE COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO SIGNAL THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION WHICH IS BEING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM) OPENING HERE ON WEDNESDAY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM OCT 25. -- BERNAMA  
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