

More needs to be done, PM tells Malays

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Malays should not be satisfied with their present level of achievement but must strive harder to improve their lot, said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

In his message to the second Malay Intellectual Congress beginning on Saturday, the Prime Minister noted that Malays still lagged behind in the fields of economics and education.

"Although we have achieved numerous successes due to Government efforts to improve the living standard of the community, we must not be satisfied."

Dr Mahathir said Malay intellectuals could play an important role in ensuring the development and progress of the community.

What was needed was their willingness to come forward to share their ideas and to contribute.

"The Malays must be prepared to mobilise their energy to achieve this noble ambition for the race and country.

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"God Willing, with such a realisation and a willingness to work hard, this objective can be achieved."

The Prime Minister is scheduled to open the congress on Saturday at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

The theme of the congress is *Entering the Era of the 90s*.

Education Minister Anwar

Ibrahim, in his message, said the suggestions of the congress had always been given important consideration by leaders.

He said the Umno supreme council had set up a special committee to study the resolutions.

This reflected the major role Malay intellectuals could play in determining the direction of the community.

"It also shows the sensitivity of Malay leaders to the views and thinking of intellectuals."

Encik Anwar said this year's congress was all the more important because it would discuss the readiness of the Malays to enter the 21st century.