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MELAKA, JULY 22 (BERNAMA) -- THE PEOPLE SHOULD LEARN FROM THE NATION'S HISTORY TO STRIVE AND FURTHER DEVELOP THE COUNTRY! PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE EXISTING ACHIEVEMENTS BUT SHOULD ENDEAVOUR FOR FURTHER PROGRESS WITH A SENSE OF AWARENESS AND CONFIDENCE.

SUCCESS WOULD NOT LAST IF EFFORTS WERE NOT MADE TO SUSTAIN IT, HE SAID WHEN LAUNCHING THE MELAKA HISTORICAL CITY CELEBRATIONS AND THE 1989 MELAKA CARNIVAL AT THE AIR KERUH EXPO CENTRE NEAR HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT USE HISTORY TO SOW HATRED OR ENMITY AMONG GROUPS.

+WE CAN BE PROUD OF THE MELAKA MALAY SULTANATE AND PERSONALITIES LIKE HANG TUAH, BUT THIS IS ONLY HISTORY . . . WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS NOT THE PAST BUT WHAT WE ARE CURRENTLY FACING,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE
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+CAN WE ACHIEVE GLORY IN THE FUTURE OR DO WE TAKE PLEASURE IN JUST DWELLING ON STORIES LIKE THE OPENING OF MELAKA IN THE PAST?+ HE ASKED, ADDING THAT IF THE PEOPLE WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH THIS THEY WOULD NOT ACHIEVE SUCCESS.

+IF WE COULD ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN THE PAST, WE CAN DO EVEN BETTER NOW IF WE HAVE THE CONFIDENCE,+ HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE ENERGY OF THE VARIOUS RACES SHOULD BE POOLED FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY AND AS SUCH THE PEOPLE SHOULD PRACTISE TOLERANCE TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER.

HE SAID THE COUNTRY HAD GENERALLY BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME RACIAL PROBLEMS, UNLIKE SOME OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE SUCH CONFLICTS HAD LED TO CIVIL WARS WHICH HAD HAMPERED DEVELOPMENT.

IN MALAYSIA, THE PEOPLE COULD WORK TOGETHER AND THIS CO-OPERATION SHOULD BE PRESERVED TO ACHIEVE GREATER DEVELOPMENT SO THAT EVERY COMMUNITY WOULD GET ITS SHARE, HE ADDED. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE AWARE THAT CHAOS WOULD RESULT IF EACH RACE ONLY GAVE PRIORITY TO ITS OWN COMMUNITY.

ON THE LOCAL TOURISM INDUSTRY, THE PRIME MINISTER ADVISED THE PEOPLE TO TREAT THE TOURISTS WELL BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE BRINGING IN +WEALTH+, PARTICULARLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VISIT MALAYSIA YEAR NEXT YEAR.

HE DESCRIBED THE DECLARATION OF MELAKA AS A HISTORICAL CITY AS MOST APPROPRIATE AND RELEVANT.

AT THE EXPO SITE, THE PRIME MINISTER, MELAKA CHIEF MINISTER DATUK SERI ABDUL RAHIM TAMBY CHIK AND THEIR WIVES WERE TAKEN ROUND IN A PROCESSION ON A MODEL OF THE +FLOR DE LA MAR+ VESSEL, ACCOMPANIED BY GIRLS DRESSED IN TRADITIONAL COSTUMES AND CARRYING +SIREH JUNJUNG+.

WATCHED BY SOME 101000 PEOPLE, THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO RECEIVED THE ARRIVAL OF THE +BECATHON+ TRISHAW RIDERS AND +SAGATHON+ PARTICIPANTS. HE LATER TOURED THE STALLS.

TO MARK THE START OF THE CELEBRATIONS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR STRUCK THE GONG THREETIME AND SIMULTANEOUSLY 10,000 BALLOONS WERE RELEASED. -- BERNAMA
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