

# Meeting has no ‘secret motives’

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the inaugural G-15 summit had no secret agenda or hidden motives.

“Though we are leaders of nations of the South, we did not meet as the only acknowledged leaders of the South nor as its appointed spokesmen,” he said at a dinner in honour of heads of delegations tonight.

He said the members were simply a group of like-minded countries who came together to see whether they could begin a process towards tangible and mutually beneficial South-South co-operation.

“It is our hope that this process will be infectious and lead to a revitalisation of that much sought after co-operation,” he said.

He said from the experience of organising the conference, he was convinced “more than ever” that cultural, linguistic, political and social differences were not insurmountable bar-

riers towards co-operation.

He hoped the heads of delegations would leave Malaysia with a sense of accomplishment, noting that the “intimacy of the small gathering” had made them know one another better and understand each other’s aspirations and concerns.

“Although the problems we face may differ in both manner and gravity, we have felt the need for united and co-ordinated responses. This will provide an important basis on which we can carry forward the process of co-operation,” he said.

He expressed confidence that all leaders have come away from the meeting with a clearer idea of the way ahead.

“All that remains for us is to infuse these ideas with the political will to enable them to become reality,” he said.

He said there were areas of disagreements which were to be expected because of the different domestic needs and demands.