

Raise productivity, settlers told

KUALA TERENGGANU, Fri. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged Felda settlers to increase their productivity to help enhance the nation's economic development.

He added that to achieve this, the settlers must be united and responsive towards development programmes.

He said this in his message in a souvenir book published in conjunction

with National Settlers' Day celebrations to be held on Monday at Bandar Al Muktafi Billah Shah in Dungun district.

The Prime Minister said that if the settlers were united, more time could be spent on work which could benefit the community.

This, he said, would make it easier for the Government to implement development programmes.

The settlers, being a large community, could

contribute effectively towards the country's economic stability, he added.

Dr Mahathir said the nation's economy was on the upswing while the prices of primary commodities were improving.

However, the settlers should double their efforts to increase production if they wished to benefit from it.

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Mokhtar Ahmad, in his message, said the declaration of Settlers' Day was a great honour to those who had worked hard to help make Malaysia the main exporter of palm oil and rubber.

He hoped that the success would encourage more youths to take part in the agricultural sector, which will not only increase agricultural products but also reduce unemployment rate. — Bernama.