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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today polemics or debate has been identified as the biggest obstacle to efforts to develop the Malays.

The party and government had programmes and approaches to develop the people, and these could be realised speedily +if we do not waste time on long debates+, he said when opening the Umno general assembly here.

For instance, he said, when the government unveiled policies, such as those on +Look East+, Malaysia Incorporated and heavy industries, the enemies of the government made all kinds of accusations in their political interest to show off their wisdom.

+Unfortunately, government backbenchers, party members and Malays generally, are taken in by these arguments and begin to criticise the very policies formulated by the party of the Malays,+ he said.

The Malays must believe in themselves and must be prepared to accept changes in their work culture to make it more suitable in this competitive world. -- more

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He spoke of how the Malays achieved success in the political arena by transforming themselves from a feudal race, which surrendered politics to certain groups to the extent that the country was colonised, into a race capable of using a foreign political system to enjoy development, peace and stability.

+Similarly, if we are willing to assimilate positive values and adopt a good work culture in the economic and development sectors, we will succeed,+ he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said that mere policies or laws, or checking others while the Malays readied themselves, would not achieve anything.

The Malays should instead be willing to take on challenges and accept new methods and a suitable work culture, he added.

In facing the development era in this decade, Umno should recognise the weaknesses which caused the New Economic Policy to fall short of its objectives, he said.

He reminded Umno delegates at the assembly not to neglect spiritual values and practice in their zeal to seek material success. -- Bernama

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