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KUALA LUMPUR, March 13th (Bernama) — Kuala Lumpur can become more successful than long-standing cities of the world by not repeating their mistakes, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight.

The target can also be achieved by Kuala Lumpur learning from the experiences of these cities which were now famous, he added.

Opening the \$130-million Lot 10 shopping complex in Jalan Bukit Bintang here, he said the government was open to suggestions and views for further development of Kuala Lumpur until it acquired the status of those long-standing cities.

Expressing his happiness over Kuala Lumpur having become a clean and beautiful city, the prime minister said such a situation could not have been brought about by the authorities without the cooperation of every resident.

He also said that owners of buildings should bear the responsibility of keeping their premises clean and attractive. — more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said spending huge sums of money to put up beautiful and attractive buildings would be wasteful if there was lack of maintenance, and in a short time the building would no longer be attractive.

He said the people would be able to live in comfortable surroundings if they cooperated to maintain cleanliness of the city.

A clean and beautiful city would draw tourists, and entice companies to set up office there, which would directly lead to more jobs and greater business opportunities, he said.

+Only good will bring good,+ he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said Kuala Lumpur was becoming more and more popular as a shopping paradise and was able to compete with other such places in this region.

Such a change has come about only lately because there was a time when Malaysians had taken advantage of holiday seasons to visit neighbouring countries for shopping. -- more

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The change came about because the government had abolished the high taxes on various goods, he said, adding that the strategy was aimed at providing for ample shopping opportunities for not only the local people but also tourists.

Simultaneously, this had helped the tourism industry and added to the income of the people, and today it had become evident that the strategy was appropriate and effective, he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said, however, that the relevant tax reductions must be passed on to the consumers.

If traders took advantage of the tax reductions to make excessive profits, the prices of goods would remain unchanged and unattractive to customers, he added.

+I take pride in the fact that the traders in Kuala Lumpur have not resorted to this,+ he said.

Lot 10, developed by Mayang Sari Sdn Bhd, is an exclusive shopping complex where goods of popular brands are sold. — Bernama

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