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KUALA LUMPUR, April 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants workers to carefully consider their every move and refrain from self-defeating activities.

Malaysian workers should give due consideration to the factors determining their income and standard of living, he said in a message to mark Workers Day tomorrow.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said it was important to be disciplined and urged workers to strive with zeal and determination towards making Malaysia a developed nation by 2020.

He said if the objective became a reality, workers would stand to reap appropriate benefits.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir stressed the need for industrial peace to enable the Malaysian economy to expand. -- more

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Economic growth and productivity would be jeopardised in the absence of industrial peace, the Prime Minister said.

+If there is no industrial harmony, businessmen will be reluctant to invest and the number of unemployed will increase, employers will then easily get workers and therefore wages will not increase.+

Wages would be high even in a country with a large population if there was industrial peace and high productivity, he added.

Unions and laws by themselves would not be able to improve workers' standard of living if the economy did not expand, the Prime Minister said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the country's laws protected workers' rights and they were free to form unions to champion their interests. -- Bernama

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Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba expressed the hope that workers would play their part to ensure Malaysia became a developed nation by 2020.

The country's rapid development would provide employment opportunities and bring immense benefits to the people, he said.

The Government even now was striving to provide jobs to the 200,000 to 300,000 school leavers every year, he told reporters after receiving the Foreign Minister of Venezuela, Dr Armando Duran, at his office here today.

A country aspiring for development needed responsible trade unions which would ensure industrial harmony and encourage investments, Encik Ghafar said. -- Bernama

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