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MELAKA, May 31⁹¹ (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today called on the country's multi-racial people to strive to reduce differences and use the common thread that bound them to achieve the national objective of making the country a developed nation by the year 2020.

The Prime Minister said every race in the country possessed intrinsic strength which if galvanised would enable Malaysia to succeed better than a country which had only one race.

+When we have become a developed nation, the riches of the country will be sufficient for all communities and people... there would no longer be a need to scramble because we will be rich from our own efforts,+ he said at the National Youth Day gathering at Kubu Stadium here.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also launched the National Youth Master Plan.

He said: +All races in the country must work equally hard, as hard as the strongest among us so that we can achieve our objective,+ -- more

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He added that the people must bear in mind that countries whose population were made up of one race also faced disunity and various problems like rioting and civil strife because of differences of status, ideology and leadership.

He said: +In human society, it is very easy for disunity to occur... what is important is not to focus on why it occurs but to seek the strength from the differences found among us.

+In Malaysia, we can learn from one another, we can look to similarities among us so that we can reduce the differences and bring out the similarities which can unite and galvanise our strengths to achieve our objective of the government's vision for the year 2020.+

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also said development of a nation depended on its people, not on its natural resources because a country rich in resources could not develop without the people's efforts.

+A country which does not have much natural resources, but because its people are prepared to work hard (and are) willing to cast aside other problems, to concentrate on developing the people and country, is able to achieve success,+ he added. -- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir stressed that +Vision 2020+ was meant for the youth because they were the ones who would enjoy the fruits of its success and they had a responsibility to ensure its implementation.

In this context, the government drew up the National Youth Master Plan and what was important was its implementation, he said.

+A program will remain just that if we do not implement it, similarly a vision would remain just so, recorded in annals, reported in the newspapers but it would not bring any success to us,+ he added.

He said that its implementation depended on several factors, the first being the confidence that what was being done was for the good and, secondly, organisation to achieve the objective.

+In our efforts, we must not be weak and lack spirit or be lazy in making a success of an undertaking,+ he said.

He said the +Vision 2020+ programmes would take 30 years, unlike previous programmes which were for five years and 20 years and attention must be given to efforts to make them a success, not merely for discussion to discredit them or to look for weaknesses. -- more

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Although 30 years seemed a long time, it was only a short period in a country's history and much could be done in that time, he added.

+We see a backward country can become a world power in 30 years as a result of determined efforts by its people,+ he said.

Therefore, the people of this country must think that what could be done by others could also be done by them and this was not impossible with confidence and organised effort.

+The problem is we are easily distracted by petty issues, issues which waste a lot of time and effort which could be better directed towards development,+ he added.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said in the implementation of a plan, problems were bound to crop up and the people were responsible for correcting the mistakes in order for the plan to progress.

The government could not draw up a plan without flaws for the future but with organised efforts the weaknesses and faults could be reduced, he added. -- more

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The Prime Minister said Malaysia had various programmes in order to define the country's direction and objectives and achieve its aspirations.

A desire alone to succeed would not bring success if it was not followed with orderly plans to move towards the objective, he added.

He hoped that the National Youth Master Plan would bring about good values among the youth of the country to face a more glittering future.

The success or failure of +Vision 2020+ depended on the youth and if it failed it was they who would lose, he said.

+I hope all youth in the country will make this day the start of effortsto achieve the objective of Vision 2020 in your own interest.+ he added. -- Bernama