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PETALING JAYA, Aug 16, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today pre-emptive measures should be taken to face the various problems that the nation might experience by the year 2020.

Malaysia would face many problems that had beset the developed countries if such action was not taken by the time the country attained developed nation status, he added.

In the long term, it would be appropriate to strike a balance between upgrading and prevention aspects and treatment and rehabilitation aspects, he said when opening the 18th annual general meeting of the Malaysian College of General Practitioners here.

+At the same time, we should be sensitive and efficient in making a forecast of the situation by the year 2020 so that planning and pre-emptive measures could be carried out to effectively deal with the situation,+ he added.

He said there should be planning to consolidate the geriatric services in the country because progress achieved in the field of health would expand life expectancy. -- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said that the people should maintain the various practices like the family system and uphold values like the rejection of dadah addiction, destruction of the marriage institution, alcoholism and the smoking habit.

The government had launched a campaign to encourage healthy living aimed at educating the people to be involved in useful activities and to stay away from habits that would be detrimental to health, he added.

He hoped that such a campaign would reduce the occurrence of health problems like heart diseases, AIDS, food poisoning and diseases that could be avoided by inoculation.

The Prime Minister said that the country's health and medical services, whether in the public or private sector, would continue to be planned in line with the nation's socio-economic policies.

He added, however, that the planning should be flexible so that it could adapt to the ever-changing situation and problems.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said that in coming out with a good plan and programme, innovation should be applied and new approaches sought in developing the health and medical services. -- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said that the government had always promoted the development of primary medical care facilities besides upgrading fields of specialty.

He said that with such facilities, more comprehensive health care could be provided to all level of society.

+Primary medical care will also stress on integrated medical aspects covering the individual and family, the promotion of health and the prevention of diseases,+ he added.

The Prime Minister said that he was proud of efforts to improve the services by the holding of the course for the Masters in Family Practice degree.

He hoped the graduands would further upgrade the standard of primary medical care in the urban and rural areas and in private clinics.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir believed such courses would also produce doctors who were more efficient in the care of patients and would also combine the upgrading of clinical services and management.

+This is vital to enable effective management of resources to save cost of treatment besides ensuring high quality service to patients,+ he said.

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