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MAHATHIR: ALL RACES ENJOY COUNTRY'S WEALTH

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight no race was excluded in the distribution of the country's wealth and everyone enjoyed the fruits of development brought by the government.

He said Malaysia practised a system of free economy and all groups, irrespective of race, had the opportunity to better themselves.

+The government provides wide opportunities for people who have initiative, are willing to work hard and have a spirit of entrepreneurship, to improve themselves,+ he said at the MIC's 46th anniversary dinner which also marked the opening of the 38th MIC general assembly.

He said the question of +unfair+ or being economically deprived no longer arose because the existing economic cake was enough for everyone.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the opposition had constantly raised the issue that the government was not fair to all the races. -- more

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+Among the Indians too there is talk of the Indian community not getting a fair share of the economic cake,+ he added.

Dismissing such allegations, he said the important thing was to maintain political stability and unity so that the economy would grow.

He reiterated that only the Barisan Nasional could look after the future of the Indians in the country.

He said: +This has been proven since the time the MIC became a partner of the Alliance... the interests of the Indians had been well cared for by the UMNO-MCA-MIC alliance and later the BN.

+All problems had been brought to the negotiating table and decided through consensus. This is the uniqueness of the BN.+ -- more

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He added it was important for the Indians to continue to support the BN and not be influenced by the tactics of the opposition which always created dissatisfaction among the people.

He reminded MIC leaders and members not to be influenced by the propaganda and allegations of opposition parties like the DAP.

+Whatever problems faced by the Indian community should be brought to the negotiating table. There is no use for us to bring up our problems in public,+ he said.

A total of 2,000 MIC delegates and observers are attending the three-day assembly which begins tomorrow. -- Bernama

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