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MALAYS ON PAR WITH DEVELOPED RACES, SAYS DPM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 27 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba wants the Malays to discard their inferiority complex because they are actually on par with the other races who are developed.

He said this point was proven by the election of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as chairman of the Group of 11 at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Harare, Zimbabwe, recently.

+The Malays actually have the capability. It is only we ourselves who say we are incapable,+ he said when opening the Federal Territory Umno Convention here.

+Why did they elect (Datuk Seri) Dr Mahathir and not any other leader?+ he said to loud applause by the 300 delegates.

Encik Ghafar urged the Malays to steer **clear-** of negative practices like time-wasting and hurling lies and instead **strive for progress.**

The Group of 11 has been entrusted with **deciding on follow-up act ions** to help establish a non-racial democratic government in South Africa. -- more

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Encik Ghafar advised the Malays to pay more attention to the development of knowledge and technology to equip themselves for the challenges ahead.

He also urged the urban people to be more open-minded about development projects like flats as these were meant to **benefit the people.**

He said they should not blindly oppose development and refuse to move from squatter areas.

Encik Ghafar regretted that there had been poor response to the government's proposal to start night classes to help develop the people.

He also launched the FT Umno's newsletter, '+Suara Wilayah+' . --Bernama

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