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MAHATHIR SAYS SELF-CENTRED LEADERS ARE GREEDY

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MELAXA, April 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today leaders who work for their own interests are greedy because they should strive for the future generations.

Although the present leaders might not be around in future, they should continue to work to ensure that the youths of years to come could inherit a progressive country with an effective political system and stable economy, he added.

+I too may not get to see the country's development in 30 years' time but, still, I have to work for the generations to come,+ he said when simultaneously opening three museums and the +Melaka In A Decade+ exhibition here.

The museums are the Malaysian Youth Museum, Ethnography Museum and Historical Museum.

Dr Mahathir said: +Leaders work to continue with national development because it is the youths who will inherit the country and not us. + -- more

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What was needed was for youths to understand the efforts made by the present leaders and appreciate how the country grew as this would help them to preserve the heritage, he added.

He said: +I was once a youth who inherited what my parents and forefathers left behind. I am proud and thankful for having inherited a progressive country and I hope that the youths of today and the future will feel the same about what they inherit.+

Dr Mahathir said many countries were beset with problems and, as such, their youths would not inherit a rapidly growing country and would be' burdened by their heritage.

He added, however, 'the youths of Malaysia would inherit a progressive country which could boast of an effective political system, and stable economic development.

Dr. Mahathir said apart from attracting more tourists to Melaka, the museums opened today could also help mould the character of the people and remind them of their roots so that they would be sure of their direction in life. -- more

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The Malaysian Youth Museum could serve to remind youths of the level of progress attained by youths.

Dr Mahathir said Melaka was well known internationally and some foreigners even thought Malaysia was Melaka because the state was once a major regional empire.

He believed the country could reach a glorious era if the people braced themselves to take on whatever challenges that came their way. -- Bernama

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