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Dr M: Don't elect leaders who have ulterior motives

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KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad told union members yesterday that it was time they took stock of their leaders.

He said they should ensure that only those who

were free of politics and had no self-interest were elected.

The Prime Minister said this in his message at the opening of the Cuepacs triennial convention yesterday. His speech was read out by Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek.

Dr Mahathir regretted the attitude of some labour leaders who he said only thought of their personal

interest, played politics and allowed the welfare of workers to be put on stake.

"Workers should not allow these leaders to smear the image of the country or jeopardise their (workers) future just to fulfil their personal ambition," he stressed.

He said trade unions should emphasise on educating their members on issues affecting the country so that the workers would not lag behind in development.

Dr Mahathir said there were elements jealous of Malaysia's development progress and competitiveness in global trade.

"Workers should be alert of the tactics by these elements who are out to impede the progress of Malaysia," he said.

More than 500 delegates are attending the three-day convention.

Outgoing Cuepacs president Mohamed Abas and former NUTP secretary-general A. Rajaguru were presented with a gold medal each for their services.

Cuepacs also presented "The Nations Intellectual Award" to Dr Mahathir. It was received on his behalf by Lim.