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MAHATHIR SAYS SUKMA HAS SUCCEEDED IN UNITING PEOPLE

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JOHOR BAHARU, July 13. (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Sukan Malaysia (Sukma) had succeeded in uniting the people of various races and inculcating in them the spirit of wanting to succeed.

+This is the spirit, a developing country like ours needs,+ he said at the closing of fourth Sukma at Stadium Tan Sri Hassan Yunus here.

He said the successful conclusion of Sukma reflected yet another success of Malaysia in being able to hold the sportsmeet in peace when considering other nations were faced with all sorts of problem.

Dr Mahathir said that in any competition there were bound to be winners and losers, but it should not lead to unhealthy feeling among competitors.

+In a competition, sometimes we win, sometimes we loose and we should not waver in our spirit to achieve success for ourselves and our team,+ he said. --more

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He' also congratulated defending champions Sarawak for successfully retaining their title and runner-up, host Johor.

+It seems Sarawak is difficult to beat. Maybe there were +ubat+ which they took...not steroids but +ubatasli,+ he said to the laughter of the crowd.

Dr Mahathir also hoped that the Badminton squad could bag two gold medals at the Barcelona Olympic.

The fifth Snkma will be held in Perak in 1994 while Pahang will host the sixth Sukma in 1996. --Bernama

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