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THE MALAYS SHOULD CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE, SAYS MAHATHIR

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ALOR SETAR, Oct 22⁹² (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri. Dr Mahathir ~~Mohamad s~~ called on the Malays to change their attitude and be bold enough to admit their mistakes and overcome their weaknesses to achieve progress.

He said that they could learn how others achieve progress but what was difficult for them to do was to have the proper attitude to adopt them. Opening the Kedah Umno Convention 1992, he called on Umno to lead others to change their attitude.

He said that without the change in attitude the objective of Vision 2020 to make Malaysia a developed nation would not be achieved because its success did not depend on the government plans alone but also on the efforts of the people who really wanted progress.

He said that Vision 2020 was not his alone because he, believed it was everyone's wish to succeed and not be a race which was looked down upon. -- more

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Dr Mahathir also said that it 'was not wrong to emulate others who had succeeded because it had proven that it could bring progress.

+We know this but the problem is whether we want to do it or not ,+ he said.

He said that the government had long time ago introduced the look east policy for the people to emulate the success achieved by others in the East.

In this respect, he wants Umno members to be broad-minded because Umno had a major role to ensure the success of the Malays.

+We do not want the country to progress but with the Malays being left behind. What we want is for the Malays to be on par with the other races. -- more

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+We have been left behind because we accepted the culture of people who have no ambition and vision. They merely focus on matters that would not bring progress to our race,+ he said.

About 3,000 Umno members attended the two-day convention.

Also present, were Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Haji Osman Aroff, Deputy Ministers in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Raja Ariffin Raja Sulaiman and Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, and Deputy Minister of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir. -- Rernama

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