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VISION 2020 AS IMPORTANT AS STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE, SAYS PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said attaining, the objective of Vision 2020 is as crucial as the fight for the nation's independence 35 years ago.

The Prime Minister said making the objective a reality required the commitment of all citizens.

Vision 2020, a national objective to make Malaysia an industrialised country is a fight to free the people and country from economic colonialisation by developed countries, he said.

+It has to be appreciated as a national aspiration to produce Malaysians who are advanced, harmonious, strongly attached to religion and of high morals,+ he said.

Dr Mahathir said this in his message for the souvenir programme of tomorrow's 35th National Day celebrations.-- more

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Dr Mahathir said making Vision 2020 a reality required concerted efforts by all citizens and a single-minded determination to see Malaysia developed as an internationally respected country and a nation to be reckoned, with globally.

The Prime Minister was confident that, the objective could be realised sooner than projected given the people's perseverance and solid endeavour.

In a similar message, National Day celebrations main committee chairman Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid said the government has conceptualised Vision 2020 based on the people's capabilities and, willingness as its implementors.

Sanusi, who is Agriculture Minister, however cautioned that the Vision 2020 would only remain as empty talk if the people could not grasp and appreciate the ideals and philosophy behind it.

He said the theme for this year's National Day celebrations, +Wawasan Asas Kemajuan+ (Vision the Basis of Progress) is the guiding light in moulding the people to have the awareness, determination and the willpower to develop the nation.

+The realisation of the theme will not only free Malaysia from dependence on the developed nations in the various fields, but in turn make it a country which other nations rely on,+ he said.-- Bernama

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