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NAM MEMBERS SHOW INTEREST IN MALAYSIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

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JAKARTA, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- Several member countries of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) are keen to learn the political system practised in Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said here.

The Prime Minister said these countries were impressed with Malaysia's success in harnessing the cooperation of the various communities through political parties representing communal interests.

+They are keen to know how the Alliance and then the Barisan Nasional administer the country because these countries also have many political parties with divergent views,+ he said.

At a press conference before returning to Kuala Lumpur after attending the 10th NAM summit here, Dr Mahathir said Malaysia was prepared to share its experience with these countries.

The leaders of these countries had expressed their interest in Malaysia's political system at their private bilateral meetings with Dr Mahathir during the summit. -- more

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Replying to a question, Dr Mahathir said that since independence in 1957 Malaysia had had four prime ministers and the change in leadership was smooth.

+Generally, the people accept the process of leadership change we practice.

+They do not adopt an extremist attitude so much so as to demonstrate but are happy with the process allowed by the democratic system,+ he said.

Dr Mahathir said many NAM countries had also expressed interest for guidance and assistance from Malaysia under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP). -- Bernama