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CRUCIAL FOR EAST ASIAN NATIONS TO HAVE NEW STRATEGIES, SAYS MAHATHIR
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 14 (Bernama). -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said East Asian nations should have their own vision and commitment to formulate new policies and strategies to suit the needs of society.

+Although we may learn a lot from the developed countries, it is crucial that we have the vision and commitment to formulate new policies and strategies, taking into cognizance the peculiarities and the need of our society,+ he said in a message in the souvenir programme for the 13th Eastern Regional Organisation for Planning and Housing (EAROPH) International congress here.

He also said the Malaysian government was committed towards forging closer technical and trade co-operation among countries in the region.

He was glad to note that important development issues affecting the growth of communities and urban centres in this part of the world would be discussed by the congress.

The congress theme +Planning Towards A Caring Society+ was consistent with the Malaysian government's objective of creating a caring society in the process of development, he said. -- more

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The five-day congress, opened by Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba today, was attended by more than 100 participants from the East Asian region.

It was organised by the Housing and Local Government Ministry in association with the Department of Town and Country Planning, Malaysian Institute of Planners, the Housing Developers' Association and Malaysian Institute of Architects. -- Bernama