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PEOPLE URGED TO CONTRIBUTE IDEAS TOWARDS REALISATION OF VISION 2020

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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 21⁹² (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir today invited Malaysians to contribute ideas to help realise Vision 2020.

He said the different views and ideas of the people could be pooled to help the country realise the vision.

Since the idea of Vision 2020 was announced two years ago, it had received encouraging response from the people as it had charted the direction and objectives of the country, he said when launching the monthly magazine +2020+ at a hotel here.

He said Malaysians had indeed been waiting for a vision to develop the country and it in fact had struck the cord in the heart of every Malaysian.

"Undoubtedly some are cynical about the idea but their number is small," he said. -- more

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"Some have said Vision 2020 is Wawasan Dua-Dua Kosong meaning it is an empty idea," he said.

"We need not take them seriously as many others want this country to develop and are working hard towards it. +

The Prime Minister said: "It seems that everyone has the desire to be the citizen of a nation that is respected. A nation that is able to stand tall and proud among other nations. Besides wanting the country to be able to stand on its own among the developed countries."

He said in efforts to develop the country, pain should also be taken to record all ideas put forward towards achieving the vision as "thoughts of man pass away with time."

Dr Mahathir said the magazine's attempts to document such ideas was a noble effort towards this end.

The magazine priced at RM10 is published by Prize Publishers Sdn Bhd with Senator Datuk David Yeoh as Chairman.

Its contributors included Royal Prof Ungku Aziz, Prof Datuk Khoo Kay Kim and Tan Sri Khir Johari.

Earlier the Prime Minister and Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah witnessed a presentation "Menjelang Tahun 2020" by 20 students of the Sayang Ballet Academy in which their daughter Maizura took part. -- Bernama

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