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HARVEST FESTIVAL SHOULD BE PRESERVED, MAHATHIR

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KOTA KINABALU, May 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Pesta Kaamatan (Harvest Festival) should be preserved to uphold the culture and tradition of the Dusun-Kadazan community.

He said it should be expanded as the festival could contribute towards unity, spirit of friendship and national solidarity among the people.

Dr Mahathir said this in the souvenir programme of Pesta Kaamatan organised by Sabah Umno scheduled to be opened by him tomorrow.

He also said that Malaysians should free themselves from practices that could hamper their progress.--more

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He said in their struggle towards progress, the people should accept changes.

Dr Mahathir said it was the hope of the government to make Sabah a progressive and successful state.

Meanwhile, chairman of Umno task force for Kadazan, Dusun and Murut Datuk Datuk Kasitah Gadam said Pesta Kaamatan would become more meaningful if the people in the state continued to progress in development.

"We hope that the festival would continue to be celebrated in the future as a means to preserve our culture and tradition," he added.

Deputy Information Minister Encik Railey Haji Jeffery said the opening of the festival would be telecast live by RTM TV1.

He said the ministry considered it as an important and official event.

Railey said RTM would also give news coverage to a similar function organised by the state government which would be opened by Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Mohamad Said Keruak on Monday.--Bernama

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