

PM: Our strength lies in social justice

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Malaysia successfully upholds principles which strengthen the multi-racial foundation by providing social justice, fair distribution of economic opportunities and sound political co-operation, and placing high value on solidarity, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

It was this strength of the multi-racial society that opened up a world of opportunities for the people to pursue progress and prosperity, he said.

"It also paved the way for Muslims in the country to uplift their economic position, level of mastering knowledge and efficiency," he said in his message in conjunction with Ma'al Hijrah 1414.

The message was sent by Dr Mahathir who has been in China on a 10-day visit since last Sunday.

Dr Mahathir said there were wide opportunities for the propagation of Islam in the country under the present government administration.

He also said that Muslims in the country should thank God for being able to live in peace unlike their brethren in most other countries.

He said it was most saddening to note what was happening to Muslims in the world.

"They are subjected to abuse, exploitation and disrespect by others. In several countries, Muslims are murdered, tortured, raped and jailed indiscriminately, as is happening now in Bosnia-Herzegovina," he said.

"It is more saddening to know that Muslims elsewhere are unable to help their brethren who have been subjected to cruel acts because they do not have the strength and freedom to do so," he said.