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MAHATHIR CALLS FOR BALANCE BETWEEN STATE AND NATIONAL INTERESTS

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KUCHING, Aug. 30 (Bernama) -- <sup>93</sup> Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today state administrations should ~~strike a balance~~ between state and national interests to ensure all round benefit.

The Prime Minister said such a balance should be accompanied by close state-Federal relations.

"When a state administration only concentrates on state interests without taking into account national interests, the net result will be a loss to the people in that particular state," he said when opening the Kuching North City Hall building and the first meeting of the Malaysian Municipal Council Corporation Consultative Committee for 1993.

Dr Mahathir said the people of Sarawak should be grateful for having true and dynamic leaders at national and state levels.

All their ideas were acceptable to everyone not only in Sarawak but throughout Malaysia, he added. -- more

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He said all levels of society and every community in Sarawak would not be neglected in the sharing of profits, benefits and progress in the pursuit of a higher standard of living.

"This was the result of the vision to develop the state into an economic and trading power based on the constructive development programmes of the state government.

He said Sarawak, with its rich cultural heritage and traditions, was an ideal example where the people had been able to set aside racial sentiments and co-operate in an atmosphere of harmony, holding firmly to the principles of goodwill and the Rukunegara and united in the pursuit of the aspirations of the race and country.

The people should welcome the various policies and government measures with a positive attitude and bravely face challenges that arose in the national development process, he added.

"I believe with the current leadership in Sarawak and with the support of the people of Kuching, the city administrators will realise their vision of making Kuching city into cultural, clean and well planned metropolitan city," he said. -- more

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Development around Kuching City would further expand with good infrastructure facilities, he added.

Dr Mahathir said the Kuching North City Hall Building was a landmark denoting Kuching City's success.

Development of tourist resorts, hotels, office buildings, business and recreation centres and housing estates had placed the city in the eyes of the world and won due recognition, he added.

Such recognition was evident in the choice of the city as venue for various cultural events, sports tournaments and national and international meetings and conferences.

Dr Mahathir said in administering the city, there should be co-ordinated and determined efforts to ensure orderly and balanced development that ensured comfort for the people.

Development of roads, housing estates, offices, commercial buildings and factories required detailed planning and the scenic beauty of the area should be retained by planting trees and enhancing the greenery, he added.

This represented a major factor in the building of a comfortable city, he said. -- Bernama

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