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SARAWAK HAS GREAT POTENTIAL TO BECOME AN INDUSTRIAL STATE, SAYS PM

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KUCHING, Aug 31 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Sarawak has great potential to become an industrial state in the future by offering attractive investment opportunities to foreign investors.

"The prime minister said the availability of land, capital, natural resources and cheap labour were the advantages which some other states in the country did not have.

He said this when launching next week's issue of the "Newsweek International" magazine which carries a special eight-page supplement on Sarawak, here.

He said that with good management, the state could develop rapidly even though it lagged behind the other states in peninsular Malaysia in the industrial sector.

He also said the step taken by the magazine would enhance Sarawak's image and correct the misreporting by some foreign journalists about the exploitation of forest in the state. -- MORE

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Dr Mahathir said Malaysia, especially Sarawak, had a good forest management policy to preserve the nature of the country especially the rain forest and the protected animals.

"The foreigners should come to this state and see for themselves and they will appreciate what the (state) government had done so far to preserve our nature," he said. -- Bernama

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