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MALAYSIA CAN ACHIEVE VISION OBJECTIVES WITH COOPERATION, SAYS PM

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JOHOR BA HARU, Oct 11⁹³ (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he was convinced the objective to make Malaysia a developed and progressive nation can be achieved with close cooperation between the federal government and state governments administered by the Barisan Nasional.

He said all state governments except Kelantan and Sabah took pains and strived hard to implement the various projects to realise the objectives of Vision 2020.

"With such cooperation, the projects can be implemented smoothly and this will help achieve the objectives of Vision 2020," he said at a Johor-level function in appreciation of Vision 2020, here.

Dr Mahathir said the federal government would have no reluctance in assisting state governments administered by the BN.

On the other hand, he said, the federal government seldom gave assistance to state governments not administered by the BN because "it is not that we do not want to help them but they do not appreciate help".

Dr Mahathir reminded the people that knowledge was important and that without knowledge they would be unable to protect themselves. -- more

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He said that of importance was efficiency and the will to enrich oneself with knowledge in all fields so that the people could do what others could.

Malaysia, he said, had proven its capability by producing experts in specific fields, by manufacturing goods and by setting up large corporations.

Although the corporations in the country were small compared to those in the West and Japan, they had managed to make profits while the companies in the West and Japan suffered huge losses, he said.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia had shown that while the world suffered recession, the country was able to expand its economy which he added was through awareness and responsibility towards the people, religion and nation.

The prime minister said the developed countries faced economic decline because they did not have objectives unlike Malaysia. -- more

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The prime minister advised the people to introduce the objectives of Vision 2020 to their children to enable them grow up to be responsible towards themselves, their community, religion and the country.

He said they should be allowed to equip themselves with sufficient knowledge to prevent their falling prey to futile activities such as dadah-abuse.

At the function, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin handed a Johor resolution on the appreciation of Vision 2020 to the prime minister. --

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