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DR MAHATHIR CALLS FOR EFFORT TO MAKE MALAYSIA NUMBER ONE

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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has called for the concentration of energy, thinking, new strategy and sacrifices to make Malaysia number one in everything it does.

"We are heading towards the 21st century which will be filled with challenges, competition and new possibilities.

"Economic strength, military capability and sophisticated technology will determine a country's place in the global relationship.

"This is not an utopian ambition or propaganda but a reality to raise the standing of the nation," he said in a message to the souvenir programme for the Prime Minister's Quality Award 1993 ceremony here tonight.

Dr Mahathir said only a nation with a great spirit could tackle the question of the 21st century with success.

He said quality service was not the monopoly of a single race but represented the combined creativity, thinking and sacrifices of everyone.

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Every level of workers in the public and private sectors should practise an excellence work culture to bring about quality production, he said.

At the function, Dr Mahathir presented the Quality Award to Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (Sirim) for the public sector category, SGS Thomson Micro Electronics (private sector) and the Armed Forces Cooperative Berhad (social sector).

Each recipient was awarded a trophy, RM30,000 cash, a certificate and the right to use the "Q" symbol for three years.

Sirim's Director-General Datuk Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, SGS Thomson general manager Ugineo Re and the cooperative's chairman Brig-Jen Abdul Aziz Mansor received the awards for their respective organisation.

Also present at the ceremony was Youth and Sports Minister Haji Abdul Ghani Othman. -- Bernama

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