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PEOPLE OWE IT TO SOCIETY TO BE CARING, SAYS DR M

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KUALA LUMPUR, May 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the people should feel indebted to society because they are only the guardians of the property and wealth they own.

As such guardians, he said, they should be always prepared to contribute assistance to the needy.

"In this aspect, I am thankful to Malaysians who are always ready to donate when called upon to do so," he said when addressing a tea reception for handicapped artistes and donors to the Handicapped Arts Fund at a hotel here.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysians should preserve their attitude of caring and showing concern in line with the government's objective of building a caring society.

Such an attitude, he said, would hasten realisation of the objective and that even now Malaysian society was moving towards that goal because the people responded spontaneously to fund-raising whether by the government or non-governmental organisations. -- more

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The prime minister said every human being in the world has his or her imperfection, the only difference being whether the handicap was physical or otherwise.

"I myself have imperfections because like all human beings I was also born imperfect," he said.

However, he said, a handicap was no obstacle for a person to attain success because along with the imperfection, God has given special endowments.

The endowments, he said, given the right opportunity, could be turned into assets.

At the function, Dr Mahathir and his wife, Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, were entertained to songs, dances and music by handicapped artistes. -- Bernama

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