

# PM: Don't lose sight of generosity and caring

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged Malaysians to preserve their generosity and caring attitude in line with the government objective of building a caring society.

He said yesterday that Malaysians were moving fast towards helping to create a caring society as they responded spontaneously to fund-raising activities.

Malaysians, he said, should continue to ensure that the less fortunate could benefit from their wealth.

"We should feel indebted to society because we are only the guardians of the property and the wealth that we own," he said at a tea reception for handicapped artistes and donors to Handicapped People's Arts Fund, at a hotel here.

Dr Mahathir also called on society to identify the strong points of the disabled and further developed them to ensure that they, too, could contribute to the development of the nation.

"Everybody is handicapped. Even the so-called normal people are disabled, if not in their physical form maybe in their personality, interest or attitude," he said.

Among those who attended the reception were the Prime Minister's wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, National Unity and Social Development Minister Datuk Napsiah Omar, and her deputy Datuk Alex Lee.

The fund, launched by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on May 16, is to finance the participation of the handicapped in arts and sports.