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MALAYS MUST EXPAND THEIR WINGS WORLDWIDE

JAKARTA, Sept 12 (Bernama) -- People of the Malay stock should be ready to venture into economic and cultural activities in all parts of the world so that they will be on par with other major races, Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib said today.

"Our wings are large and strong enough but what we need is commitment, courage and the capacity to expand our strength jointly," he said.

Muhammad, who is also President of the International Malay Secretariat, said this in his speech at the opening of a seminar on the "Malay International Network" at the Hotel Grand Hyatt here.

His speech was read out by the Executive Director of the International Malay Secretariat Foundation Prof Tan Sri Ismail Hussein.

The two-day seminar is jointly organised by the Centre for People's Participation of Indonesia and Inспен Management Consultants of Malaysia.

He said a race aspiring to progress could not afford to remain isolated in its own soil for other races such as the Europeans, Japanese and South Koreans had ventured to all parts of the globe expanding their investment and wealth.

He said there were still places in the world which had not been pioneered particularly in developing countries where socio-economic development had just begun.

"We of the Malay stock should not compete for the opportunities available only in our Malay environment as we have the competitive advantage in many fields," Muhammad said.

"I invite all intellectuals and writers to be committed to this noble effort of expansion by pooling our expertise and knowledge for our common good," he said.

Muhammad said what needed to be developed was the networking and links in the economic, trade and various skills.

"This is the reality which drove us to create a new Malay with global outlook and to attain new heights under the vision and dynamic leadership of our Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he added.-- BERNAMA

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