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MALAYSIANS SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT, SAYS PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad says that Malaysians should be proud with the country's level of development after 39 years of independence.

"Every Malaysian should be proud of this achievement and enjoy the benefits of their joint efforts," he says in his message in the souvenir programme in conjunction with the 39th National Day celebrations.

Dr Mahathir says that the people should ensure that the country attains continuous progress through determination and hard work so that high economic growth rate can be achieved in future.

The Prime Minister says that unity among the various races in the country should be preserved to ensure continuous economic growth and political stability.

"None could deny that there is strong unity among the various races and ethnic groups in Malaysia," he said.

Dr Mahathir says that the theme of this year's National Day celebrations, "Culture Shapes Progress", is aimed at promoting noble values among the people.

He says that in this era of dynamic changes, the people should equip themselves with knowledge and skills besides having a positive attitude and being bold in initiating changes.

They should be tolerant, disciplined, knowledgeable, diligent, innovative and competitive to ensure that the objectives of Vision 2020 is achieved, he adds.

"Such values should be perpetuated among the younger generation so that they would be prepared to face challenges which are becoming more complex," he says.

Dr Mahathir also congratulates the Sabah government which organises this year's celebrations. -- BERNAMA

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