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PRIME MINISTER LAUNCHES GERAK MESRA PROGRAMME IN PERLIS

KANGAR, April 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Malaysia has received international recognition as a model state in the area of inter-racial harmony.

Dr Mahathir said even Sweden's former Prime Minister Carl Bildt who called on him recently expressed admiration for Malaysia over this.

The good relations among the various races in Malaysia had assured peace for the country and enabled it to attain progress, he said when launching the Perlis level Gerak Mesra Programme at the Kompleks Warisan here.

Dr Mahathir said Bildt felt Malaysia could be the venue for the leaders of Bosnia and Serbia to learn about peaceful life and forging close and cordial ties as practised by the people in Malaysia.

Dr Mahathir said hence the people should not view the question of maintaining close ties lightly for it would not remain that way if not well preserved and nurtured. -- BERNAMA

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