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RAISING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF BUMIPUTERAS IN THE TOWNS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 8 (Bernama) -- Raising the socio-economic status of the bumiputeras in the towns will lead to prosperous and peaceful lives for them, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

This could be done through various programmes like improving the economic status of hawkers and traders, housing, education and moulding the morals of the youth, he said.

"This objective can be achieved if all parties realise their responsibilities in the context of community living," he said in his foreword in the souvenir programme for the launch of the WangsaMaju Foundation.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to launch the foundation, which is aimed at raising the socio-economic status of the residents of Wangsa Maju, here, on Friday.

At the function he will also launch the Wangsa Maju Schools Multimedia Computer Network (Wangsnet) which is linked to the Internet.

Chairman of the foundation's board of trustees Datuk Dr Kamal Salih, who is also Wangsa Maju MP, said that besides upgrading the standard of education the foundation was also aimed at stimulating the economy and raising the social standing of the community. -- BERNAMA

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