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Mahathir-Attitude

DR M: CHANGE KELANTAN PEOPLE'S ATTITUDE

KOTA BAHARU, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants the Kelantan Umno machinery to make a concerted effort to change the "easily contented and lead a simple life" attitude of the Kelantan people.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Kelantan Umno Liaison chief, said efforts to bring about an attitudinal change was crucial to enable Umno to bring in development to the people.

Kelantan Umno members must make a serious effort to find new ways and approaches to face challenges of the changing era now, he said.

" Old ways of life which can stifle our progress must be discarded," said Dr Mahathir, who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, in his message in the souvenir programme of the Kelantan Umno/BN Convention which started yesterday.

Dr Mahathir would close the two-day convention today opened by Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa, who is also Kelantan Umno deputy liaison chief, yesterday.

Being the backbone of the country's administration, Dr Mahathir said, Umno should make thorough and systematic preparations to face the changes taking place.

" Even now, the effects of the changing era are being felt. The borderless world, sophisticated technology, information technology and fast communications have begin to influence our daily lives.

" If we are not prepared and alert, the country and the people will sink in the wave of sweeping changes in the new millennium," he said.

Dr Mahathir also reminded on how the challenges of the new millennium would expose the people to the uncertainties of the world in the economic, politics and social aspects.

As such, the challenges of the 21st century would be much greater, he added.

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