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Emulate PM, Gerakan leaders told

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Gerakan leaders should analyse Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's thoughts and philosophy and emulate his efforts to foster peaceful co-existence between Muslims and non-Muslims in Malaysia.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said Dr Mahathir's outlook was praiseworthy because he was "a practising and pragmatic philosopher".

"What the Prime Minister has done for the country is very exemplary," he said after opening the party's Federal Territory branch in Jalan Changkat Thambi Dollah in Pudu today. "He has earned a place in history."

Dr Lim said the Prime Minister's effort to encourage Muslims and non-Muslims to live peaceably and co-operate with each other was good Islamic practice.

"We don't want Muslims to be oppressed in a pre-dominantly non-Muslim country and neither do we want non-Muslims to be oppressed in a predominantly Muslim country.

"Dr Mahathir's efforts in creating a multi-racial society that is fair and just is highly respected by the international community," he said.

Dr Lim was commenting on Dr Mahathir's acceptance speech after he received the King Faisal International Prize - Saudi Arabia's version of the Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of his service towards Islam.

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