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LIM GOH TONG A DREAM ENTREPRENEUR, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight Genting Berhad boss Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong is an entrepreneur that any government would dream to have as he translates government policies and efforts into reality.

Speaking at a function to celebrate Lim's 80th birthday here, Dr Mahathir said Lim was among members of the private sector who cooperated well with the government even before the formation of the Malaysia Incorporated concept.

Dr Mahathir said Lim had helped to promote tourism in the country through his efforts to develop the Genting Highland resort.

He said Lim had translated a dream to let Malaysians experience temperate climate without having to go to Europe.

Dr Mahathir said in jest: "Today, millions go up the hill (Genting Highlands) every year and he has problem transporting them.

"The government is happy with his success as he pays a lot of tax. I like to think that he thinks of the taxes as contribuion to the nation's development," he said

Dr Mahathir said the success story of Lim, who came to Malaysia at the age of 20, and now "far from being penniless" as a story of the Chinese community in Malaysia. -- BERNAMA

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