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Those living abroad urged to master other languages

GET TOGETHER ... Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad being greeted by Abu Hassan, 75, who has been residing in the United States for 47 years, at the Omar Al Khattab mosque in Los Angeles yesterday before a dialogue with the Malaysian community.

At the dialogue, Dr Mahathir called on more Malaysians living abroad to mix with the local people to get to know about them and master the language of the country.

He also said that with Malaysia doing business worldwide it was important for the people to master other languages apart from Bahasa Malaysia, Chinese or Tamil.

About 400 people attended the dialogue.

Dr Mahathir is on a week's visit heading Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor promotional mission to the United States.

He also advised Malaysians living abroad to try and meet other Malaysians, particularly through the Malaysia clubs set up in many places all over the world.

To a question on the distribution of wealth in the country, he said that one could not expect everybody to have the same amount of wealth.

"There will be disparity but it should not be extreme,".

In Malaysia, Dr Mahathir, said the situation was much better than before.

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