

Dewan Rakyat Speaker to launch book on Mahathir

KUALA LUMPUR: A book on Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as a skillful strategist in nation-building, the first of its kind, will be launched by Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tun Mohamed Zahir Ismail tomorrow.

The book, *CEO Malaysia: Strategy in Nation-Building*, written by former journalist Hng Hung Yong is a collection of commentaries on multiracialism, modernisation and issues of change.

"The chief executive officer and a prime minister share many similar

ities but the big difference in the latter is the treatment of intangibles," Hng said in an interview.

The intangibles, he said, would include aspects of nation-building which involved history, culture and values.

The author is a former group editor and managing director of *The Star* and a leader writer with *New Straits Times*.

"The focus of this book is on strategy, on the broad fundamentals which govern the formulation of public policy," Hng said, adding that it

would also attempt to provide an insight into Dr Mahathir's strategic mind.

He said the book also had a comprehensive coverage of pluralism adding that Malaysians tended to underestimate the difficulties in managing a multiracial society.

"Sometimes, we don't know how lucky we are. We have been relatively successful in handling the complexities of a plural society. It is easier to be a leader of a community than a leader of Malaysians," he said.