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Country still needs order and discipline, says PM

PETALING JAYA, Fri. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight that Malaysia still needs some order and discipline despite the present campaign on deregulation and other liberal attitudes.

Though there were some people who believed everybody should be free to do anything they liked, Dr Mahathir felt this would not help society at all.

"We still need discipline in our society. If not, we are going to hurt other people," he said at the Royal Military College Old Putera Association annual dinner.

Praising the RMC for sticking to its tradition of discipline and orderliness, Dr Mahathir said the college's graduates did well in life because of the quality training they received.

"I hope the RMC tradition will be continued into the future. If this tradition is cherished, I am sure the college will be able to continue producing graduates with leadership qualities needed to develop and lead the nation."

Dr Mahathir said the training at RMC helped shape the quality and character of individuals.

"Without it, I doubt many of you will do well. The fact that a large number of the old boys have done well in life can be attributed to the kind of training received at RMC."

Dr Mahathir also said the college was a successful example of Malaysia's ability in strengthening its multi-racial society.

"It was formed 46 years ago during the time the country was facing an insurgency problem. It was thought that RMC was the place where Malaysians of all races could come together, study together and later on serve the country together.

"And all the old boys have done just that."

Later, Dr Mahathir received a donation of RM200,000 from the old boys association for the National Special Fund.

Among those present were Old Putera Association president Datuk Munir Majid, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

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