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DR MAHATHIR ATTENDS WORKERS' SOLIDARITY RALLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today attended a solidarity rally held in conjunction with Workers Day 1998 at the Putra World Trade centre here.

The rally, organised by the Human Resources Ministry, was attended by some 3,500 workers.

In his message in the souvenir programme, Dr Mahathir said that Malaysia was fortunate that workers and employers in the country not only understand the problems faced by the country but were also prepared to make sacrifices by not resorting to actions that would further aggravate the situation.

"It is heartening to note that workers and employers are facing the current economic situation with determination, patience and a sense of responsibility besides further promoting productivity, industrial harmony and solidarity and giving full cooperation towards the government's efforts to overcome the problem," he said.

He hoped that such a spirit would be further inculcated to ensure the government's success in achieving full economic recovery.

"The government's efforts will not be effective without the full support and commitment from workers and employers. I am confident that with the cooperation of all parties the government's efforts to overcome the current economic problems will be successful, God willing," he said.

Among those present were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali Mohamed Ali, Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek, his deputy, Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir, the ministry's senior officials and trade union leaders.

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