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PM: Muslims' outstanding achievements due to strong conviction

MALACCA, Mon. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said history has proven that Muslims' outstanding achievements were mainly due to their strong conviction to the teachings of Islam.

The Prime Minister said efforts, therefore, should continue to be made to propagate Islamic teachings to bring back the glory and excellence to Muslims.

Such efforts, he said, were to ensure that Muslims would not be left behind forever and become victims of oppression.

He said this in his welcoming notes contained in the programme book of the 41st national-level Quran recital contest to be held at the Kubu Stadium beginning tomorrow. Dr Mahathir is scheduled to open the competition at 8.45pm tomorrow.

The Prime Minister said Muslims must also strive to uphold the good name and image of Islam in the face of the world.

He hoped the five-day event would run smoothly, adding that the contest is held annually to help the people's understanding of the Quran.

"Through improved understanding, it is hoped that our religious convictions will be stronger so that we will be able to lead a better life," he said.

The Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabudin is scheduled to close the event on Oct 31.

The State Government had formed 17 committees to oversee smooth running of the event which received an allocation of RM806,000 by the Federal and State governments.

A total of 27 men and women from all the states will participate.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, in his welcoming notes contained in the same book, said happy families, individuals and communities were assets to the country's stability.

"Islam promotes high moral values for peace and harmony of a family and the community at large. Thus, it is our responsibility to instil and promote high moral values so that our country will continue to remain peaceful and prosperous," he said.

The theme for this year's contest is Kesejahteraan Negara Tanggungjawab Kita (The Country's Prosperity Is Our Responsibility).

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