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PM's views on current crisis in new publication

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's unorthodox thinking had given the world a better understanding of the financial market place.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who made the remark today, said by challenging conventional wisdom and never flinching when something needed to be said, Dr Mahathir's thinking had found support and was well respected.

The acceptance of Dr Mahathir's ideas on a regulatory framework to check excessive foreign exchange trading at the second Asia Europe Meeting in London was testimony of his foresight and wisdom, he said.

Najib was speaking at the launch of the book "In The Eyes Of The Tiger: Hidden Agenda" written by Tan Sri Lim Kok Wing, Robert Ho You Chai and Yee Mee Fah at the Putra World Trade Centre.

The book includes exclusive interviews with Dr Mahathir, National Economic Action Council executive director Tun Daim Zainuddin and a foreword written by International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

The ministerial statement on stabilising the economy to Parliament by Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is also included in the book published by Limkokwing Integrated.

Hosting the launch, former Foreign Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie said there was a need to tell "our side of the story" if any effort to restore confidence in the region were to succeed.

He said the damage caused by excessive currency speculation had been damning to the region and ideas highlighted in the book were relevant to current problems.

On a lighter note, Ghazali said references to countries in the region as "tigers and dragons" were uncomplimentary as tigers had become an endangered species while dragons were a myth.

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