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PM: Strive for culture of excellence

LANGKAWI, Sat. - Prime Minister Dr Seri Mahathir Mohamad wants Malaysians to strive towards a culture of excellence in work performance.

"There should not be any compromise in the quality of work in all endeavours. There must be no cincai work," he said today.

"There must be discipline and procedures for excellence must be followed. There must be a rejection of poor performance."

Dr Mahathir said building, maintaining and flying aircraft would help towards achieving such a work culture in all areas.

He was opening the three-day Langkawi Air Carnival '98 which features static and aerial displays of 60 light aircraft at the Langkawi International Airport.

It is organised by the Langkawi Air Recreational Club and the Langkawi Development Authority with the support of the Department of Civil Aviation.

More than 50 light and military aircraft are participating in the carnival aimed at promoting aviation and to bring together enthusiasts from around the country.

Also present was his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid and organising chairman, Datuk Abdul Halil Mutalib.

Said Dr Mahathir: "We must take full responsibility for whatever we do and do it well. If we can master aircraft building, maintenance and flying, then we can be successful in all other endeavours too."

He said this was because the aircraft industry needed a culture which accepted no compromise as death would result if there was even the smallest defect.

He added a race could not consider itself to have succeeded until it mastered the aircraft industry.

"We can now make aircraft, not as big as the Boeing 747s, but all efforts start from small and if we continue, then we will be able to progress to making bigger planes.

"The aim of this carnival on light aircraft is to create an interest in people, especially youths to get involved in aviation. Youths must learn not only how to fly aircraft but also to maintain them.

"If more youths take an interest in this area, then the nation will progress equally fast."

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