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Work with confidence, Dr Mahathir tells people

KUCHING, Mon. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has called on Malaysians to continue to work closely with each other and have confidence in themselves.

"We should continue with our efforts with full confidence and responsibility to create a generation which is capable of shouldering the hopes of our beloved nation in future," he said.

Dr Mahathir said this in his message in the souvenir programme for the opening of Sekolah Rendah Bantuan Chung Hua No 6.

He is scheduled to arrive at 9.30am tomorrow for a half-day visit to open the school and the annual general meeting of the Associated Chinese Chamber of Commerce Malaysia at the Kuching Hilton.

On the RM6 million primary school located in Jalan Sungai Maong, the Prime Minister commended the school's management board for successfully building it in such a short time.

"I believe such an effort was made on the awareness of the need to nurture a young generation of Malaysians who are knowledgeable, skilled and possess high moral values to continue with our struggles to attain developed status in the next century."

The approval for its construction was given by Dr Mahathir himself a few days before he dissolved Parliament for the general election in 1995.

Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud performed the ground-breaking ceremony on June 30, 1996. The 30-classroom school opened its doors on Jan 5.

In a similar message, Taib said the Government would continue to give top priority to the development of education.

"We are aware that the foundation of a strong race comes from the fact that its people are educated, knowledgeable and skilled," he said.

Taib also said the support given by Dr Mahathir and the Federal Government towards the development of education in the State over the years had been immense.

SRB Chung Hua No 6 has 393 pupils, comprising 213 boys and 180 girls.

The four-storey school has rooms for resource, dental clinic, audio visual, conference, staff, commerce, music and science laboratory.

On the main block of the school facade stands six columns, signifying that it is the sixth Chung Hua primary school in the city.

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