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BE READY FOR TOUGHER COMPETITION AHEAD, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, June 29 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants local entrepreneurs to arm themselves with various knowledge to face tougher competition ahead due to increasing openness in trade.

The Prime Minister says success can only be achieved if they have strongly positioned themselves and have the edge in terms of expertise, research, information technology and good network.

"In facing the economic situation in the country, the Malay traders and entrepreneurs must intensify their activities so that our economy is really strong and stable," he says in his message in the Malaysian Malay Chamber of Commerce Annual Report 1998/99, distributed at its annual general meeting here today.

He says that only when the country has succeeded in rehabilitating its economy can other demands be met.

The success of Malay traders and entrepreneurs in rehabilitating the economy will give the strength to the government to continue the development programmes for the people, which have been hampered by the economic downturn.

Dr Mahathir says the support of the Malay business community is vital in realising the development objectives for the people.

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