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MAS'S SUCCESS IS COUNTRY'S PRIDE, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

PETALING JAYA, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed the hope that Malaysia Airlines (MAS) will continue to progress including by way of increasing its flights.

He said that MAS's contribution would help increase the number of tourists coming to Malaysia.

"The country is proud of MAS's success which now flies throughout the world, and to all continents using large aircraft similar to giant airline companies," he said in his speech at the Family Day for the national carrier here.

Dr Mahathir said that the success achieved by MAS should not only be the pride of its staff, but that of all Malaysians.

He also said that MAS expanded since its separated from Singapore International Airlines and initially, the government thought that there was no need for MAS to operate international flights since Malaysia was a small country.

"We thought international flights were not necessary and that they were the domain of developed countries. But we find we are able to expand this company...and now MAS is known throughout the world," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that family days are important as they could bring the employees closer together and bring about a feeling that the organisation is not only owned by shareholders, but by its workers and their families.

"When we feel that we own a certain organisation, there will be a greater sense of responsibility towards it and a desire to take pride of its success together," he said.

Also present at the function was his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali MAS chairman Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli.

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