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THE QURAN INSPIRES THE COUNTRY TO BE SUCCESSFUL, SAYS TAIB

SARIKEI, Aug 15 (Bernama) -- The country's dynamic progresss has been inspired by the teachings of the Quran, said Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud.

He said that far from being a backward country because of its Islamic image, Malaysia was now one of the most successful developing countries.

One of the greatest values of its teaching was in behesting Muslims to keep closely to its teachings and to avoid disunity among themselves, he said.

By being united, they and the country itself had been able to become strong, he said when closing the state-level Quran recital competition at the Civic Centre, here, last night.

Taib said it was vital for the people to continually realise that they needed great strength to accomplish great tasks for the nation and this strength could only come about if they were united.

When united and strong, he said, they could then go about finding the most relevant and effective strategies to develop the country.

He said that the country was a fine example where despite its Islamic image, had been able to be successful in the fields of science or industry and become a modernised country.

"We need not have to set aside Islamic teachings in order to go this far. As a matter of fact, even Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the country draws the inspirations for its progress and prosperity from such teachings," Taib said.

"In our nation-building tasks, it is for our youth to find the most precise and up-to-date interpretations from within Islam which we can incorporate and assimilate," he said.

As such, he added, the people should make it their own struggle to have a united society.

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