

PM tells Muslims to learn from history

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight Muslims should learn from the glorious past of the Islamic civilisation to achieve greatness in the future.

He said museums which contained exhibits of the *past were* places from which Muslims could learn much and then use as guidelines to improve their lot.

“If Muslims in the past could achieve greatness, there is *no reason* why Muslims cannot achieve it today,” he said at the launching of an exhibition on clothing at the Islamic Arts Museum.

The exhibition, entitled “Dress for *the* Body, Body for the Dress -- When Islamic and Western Styles Meet” unveiled male and female clothing, suits of armour, shoes,

gloves and headwear covering the evolution of Muslim attire.

Displayed for the first time in Malaysia, the rare collection belongs to Stibbert Museum in Florence, Italy.

The exhibition is held in conjunction with the Organisation of Islamic Conference Foreign Ministers conference. It is open to the public until Sept 30.