

Adhere to 'Malaysian formula' of discipline, unity: PM

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PETALING JAYA, Wed: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants Malaysians to be disciplined and strong-willed when facing challenges, especially that brought about by globalisation.

In his speech at the launch of the Formula Malaysia Foundation and prize-presentation ceremony, he said many countries in the region ended up depending on agencies such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank to solve their financial woes during the recent economic crisis.

"This is because there was no strength in their administration and economic management, topped by the lack of support from their citizens.

"In Malaysia, we are lucky that the rakyat stood behind the government all along and did not resort to any form of violence and extremism to solve the economic crisis."

Mahathir said that such strong will power, discipline and unity is the type of "Malaysian formula" needed to ensure the success and strength of the country.

He hoped that the tenets of the Yayasan Formula Malaysia will be instilled in the youth and younger generation and called on the private sector to conduct research and devel-

opment on ways to improve and develop the formula.

He also commented on an *Asian Wall Street Journal* (AWSJ) report that ranked Malaysia as the least free country in the region.

He said: "I want to remind them

that the AWSJ is printed in Malaysia."

Ironically, the country which they ranked the freest, is a country in the region which had reduced the AWSJ circulation from 3,000 to 500 copies, he said.