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BUMIS CAN EXCEL IN BUSINESSES, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, July 24 (Bernama) -- Bumiputeras who venture into manufacturing and other businesses could do as well as others, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight.

"The fact that you have a humble beginning need not hold you back if you are prepared to work hard until you acquire the technology and knowledge," he said.

The Prime Minister also said that the Malaysian business community should be well represented by all the major ethnic groups in the country.

"I have also felt that in a multi-racial Malaysia, there should be representatives at every level of the three races which make up the major population of this country," he said when opening Bangunan Sapura@Mines, Sapura Group's new corporate headquarters in Seri Kembangan near here.

Dr Mahathir said the Malays should discard the traditional thinking that Malays should continue to be farmers and fishermen and the Chinese, businessmen.

"So what we have to do is to break away from the mould to try new ideas, new ways, new methods," he said.

He urged Malaysians to believe in themselves and that they could achieve any goal that they had set their minds on.

Dr Mahathir cited Sapura as an example of a successful Bumiputera business group.

Bangunan Sapura@Mines is an 11-storey building built on 2.2ha of land at the Mines Resort City.

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