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Mahathir-Convention

MALAYS AND MUSLIMS URGED TO MASTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MELAKA, Oct 11 (Bernama) -- Malays and Muslims need to master information technology (IT) if they do not want to be left behind in the modern world, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We have seen how in a world without borders, globalisation has changed our way of life lately ... it is of vital importance for the Malays and Muslims to equip themselves with knowledge in IT," he said.

Dr Mahathir said this in a foreword in the souvenir book for the Malay World, Islamic World convention which will be held here for four days beginning Oct 18.

"Thank God, in Malaysia the Malays, who are Muslims, have been successful in many fields and proven to the world that a race, once called lazy, can be as successful as other races," he said.

"Skin colour is no determinant, only will and spirit can determine one's fate."

Dr Mahathir hoped the convention would come up with resolutions of benefit to the Malays throughout the world.

He is confident the convention will lead to the establishment of a network link for Malays throughout the world to communicate and exchange ideas for the progress of the race and Islam.

Some 400 delegates from 23 Muslim countries and countries with a Malay community are expected for the convention which is organised by the Melaka state government with the cooperation of the Institute of History and Patriotism Studies (Iksep), Melaka Museum Corporation and Federation of National Writers (Gapena).

Among national delegates to have confirmed their participation in the convention are from Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei, Thailand, Singapore, Iran, Australia, Egypt, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Cambodia, China and Bosnia.

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