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## Vision 2020 must involve all races, says Mahathir

KUANTAN, Sun: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad says the aspiration to turn Malaysia into a developed nation through Vision 2020 must involve all races without any community being left behind.

He said the cooperation of all races was important to ensure that no single community lagged.

"We want to achieve Vision 2020 together. We don't want some people to arrive first while others are left behind," he said in his speech at a dinner here hosted by the Federation of Chinese Organisations Malaysia on Friday.

Among those present were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Pahang

Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob and Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

Mahathir said the philosophy adopted by Chinese scholar Confucius – "love, compassion and understanding" – was able to achieve joint objectives.

"We will be able to live peacefully if we love each other. We will also feel compassion for those who are not as fortunate as we are and there will be mutual understanding," he said.

The prime minister said Malaysia had achieved encouraging progress after independence based on the growth in per capita income from US\$300 (RM1,140) to US\$4,000 (RM15,200) currently.