

Think big in business, Indian traders urged

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KUALA LUMPUR: Indian Malaysian entrepreneurs must actively involve themselves in high-end businesses instead of concentrating on trade that cater only to the Indian community, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Mahathir, who was speaking at the Malaysian Associated Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MAICCI), added that Indian businessmen here must venture into commercial sectors which have the potential to grow and expand globally.

He advised them to restructure their organisations.

"Indian businessmen must

be aware of the importance of e-commerce which is a tool to develop their businesses in a digital economy."

The Prime Minister also called on all Malaysians to equip themselves with what is required to meet the nation's aspirations.

"If there is a group or race which is not prepared, then they will be left behind," he said.

According to Dr Mahathir the Government is committed to ensuring the increase of the Indian community's corporate equity to 3% by the year 2010 as stipulated in the Outline Perspective Plan 3.