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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Globalisation, a free-market concept that calls for a borderless world, must be planned carefully and for it to succeed, the planning must involve everyone from every part of the globe, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He added that the concept must be for the good of everyone and proven to be so — it must therefore be implemented slowly with the biggest effort directed at the least developed parts of the world.

"This is globalisation in the service of mankind. Globalisation must serve us and not we humankind serve globalisation," Dr Mahathir said when opening a conference here with the theme "International Consultation on Globalisation".

The title of his speech was "Globalisation at the Service of Mankind or Mankind at the Service of Globalisation."

The three-day conference is organised by the World Evangelical Fellowship and sponsored by the National Evangelical Christian Fellowship Malaysia.

About 100 participants from 18 countries are attending the conference.

Dr Mahathir said globalisation was on everybody's lips these days and that until the protests in Seattle last year, it was assumed that globalisation was unstoppable, inevitable and definitely the answer to all social, economic and political problems.

"Globalisation is obviously a great idea whose time has come.

"In a world where jet planes and worldwide telecommunications have reduced it to a global village, it is inevitable that globalisation becomes logical and even unavoidable."

Dr Mahathir said that after capitalism had proven to be superior to egalitarian socialism and communism, new ideas were put forward to create "a new heaven on earth."

"This new heaven will be built by doing away with regulations, by an absolutely free market, by breaking down the boundaries of nations and creating a single global entity."

Dr Mahathir asked if people could be sure

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