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ADOPT NEW APPROACH, DR MAHATHIR TELLS CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has called on the construction industry to review their current practices and move to a more productivity-driven and technology-based construction approach.

He said that to meet the challenges in the globalisation era, the construction sector should change the rules and nature in conducting business.

"There is now a dire need to enhance productivity and quality in order to remain competitive," he said in his message in a souvenir programme for the Master Builders Association Malaysia's (MBAM) anniversary dinner here tonight.

He said the theme for this year's celebration -- Productivity and Quality Enhancement Through Industrialised Building System (IBS) -- was timely.

He urged construction industry players to promote IBS as a means of achieving greater productivity, quality, efficiency and safety to nurture domestic construction to become competitive in the international arena.

The construction industry should also actively support Research and Development (R&D) initiatives and innovation efforts in the construction sector to generate new ideas and technology for the industry, he said.

Dr Mahathir also said that in the spirit of Malaysia Incorporated and Smart Partnership, construction industry players should continue to work closely with the government to ensure sustainable economic growth.

"I am confident that MBAM members will take the challenge to be "The Prime Mover" towards attaining excellence in the construction company," he added.

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