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ALL RACES MUST BE INVOLVED IN MAKING VISION 2020 A SUCCESS

KUANTAN, July 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight 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 in the political as well as other fields was important to ensure that no single community was lagging behind.

"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 the dinner here hosted by the Federation of Chinese Organisations, Malaysia.

Among those present were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob and Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

The Prime Minister said that the philosophy adopted by Chinese scholar Confucius, that is, "love, compassion and understanding" was seen to be 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 USD300 to USD4,000 currently.

He said the Chinese community had been able to develop their business freely after independence compared to the pre-independence period where there were various restrictions imposed by the colonialists.

In this context, Dr Mahathir said, it was important to preserve peace in order to succeed together.

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