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GERAKAN VP TELLS CRITICS OF DR M TO EXAMINE MORGAN STANLEY'S VIEWS

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 15 (Bernama) -- Critics and sceptics of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad should closely examine the views expressed by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter's new regional chief Michael Dee about the prime minister and the country, said Gerakan vice-president Datuk Dr S.Vijayaratnam.

"While Dr Mahathir has sometimes engaged in unabashed rhetoric, usually well-deserved, to point out things that others do not have the guts to do, he has steered Malaysia to take its place among the cream of developing nations," he said in a statement today.

He was responding to Dee's comments yesterday that international investors should watch what Dr Mahathir does for the country's economy than his rhetoric.

Describing Malaysia as one of the most misunderstood countries by international investors, Dee said capital controls, introduced by Dr Mahathir during the Asian economic crisis, had worked for the country.

Dee, who was appointed the new chief executive officer of the Singapore office for the global financial services firm last month, also gave top marks to Malaysia's central Bank Negara under governor Datuk Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz and the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) which was set up to haul Malaysia's economy out of the crisis.

Vijayaratnam said to translate Dee's sentiments, people should see for themselves what had been achieved under Dr Mahathir's tenure.

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