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MAHATHIR URGES SARAWAK PEOPLE TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING STATE GOVT

KUCHING, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged the people of Sarawak to continue supporting the state government which has brought tremendous socio-economic development to the state.

He said they should not be influenced by some people who think that any change is good.

"If there is no necessity for change, why change? You have a good government, keep it up, support it," said the Prime Minister at a dinner attended by community leaders and state Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties at the State Assembly Building in Petrajaya here tonight.

Dr Mahathir, who is on a two-day visit to Sarawak, said he was impressed with the pace of development taking place in the state.

He said there were a lot of constructions and new buildings coming up every time he visited the state.

This was something that could not be seen in some other countries still struggling from the economic crisis, he said.

He also commended the state government for its foresight in starting a microchip plant which he officiated earlier in the day.

The Prime Minister said such industry was something that other states had been unable to achieve.

Dr Mahathir said Sarawak had gone from growing rice in Bario to producing high-tech sophisticated microchip.

"Sarawak remains very peaceful, very stable and very harmonious and I think you should maintain this government," he said.

Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Taib Mahmud and state BN component leaders were also present.

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