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MAINTAIN THE GOOD RELATIONS, MAHATHIR TELLS HIS STAFF

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 17 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that throughout his 19 years as Prime Minister, he was satisfied with the cooperation extended to him by his staff.

"I get good cooperation from the staff although sometimes the work I ask them to do is not office work," he said.

Thanking them for the cooperation, he called on them to maintain the good relations among themselves to carry on performing their duties well.

Dr Mahathir was speaking at an Aidilfitri gathering organised by the Welfare and Sports Body of the Prime Minister's Office.

"Hari Raya receptions like this have become a tradition and serve as an opportunity for us to meet and get to know each other better.

"I am not like others. I don't mix easily. I sit away from the others. But I later move closer to the staff until I even get to know the ones who like to eat chocolate and walk around," he said in jest.

Also present were Dr Mahathir's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali.

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