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Mahathir-Dialogue

MALAYSIA WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH AFRICA IN ALL AREAS, SAYS PM

KUALA LUMPUR, April 19 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will cooperate with Africa in a wide range of areas mainly trade, technology transfer and education, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Africa is a continent with tremendous opportunities and resources, he said in the souvenir programme of the Young African Leadership and Intellectual Dialogue organised by the African Students Society in Malaysia at the Putra World Trade Centre here today.

"Malaysia is keen to share its experience with other countries and such dialogue will be useful in fostering cooperation and strengthening our ties," he said, citing the the Southern African International Dialogue held in Mozambique recently.

"I was encouraged by the commitment of African leaders to work together with Malaysia to tap such opportunity available in many areas including that of information technology," he said.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia has been providing educational assistance to international students through the Malaysia Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP).

"It is my hope that more African students can pursue their higher education in Malaysia and this is one way Malaysian youth can share the experience with their African peers," he said.

Dr Mahathir hoped that the association could do its bit to help foster unity among African students here to enable them to benefit from their stay in Malaysia.

The dialogue focused on the theme "The Role of the New Generation in Developing Countries".

About 1,000 people including diplomats, students and youth leaders from the Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties attended the dialogue.

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