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MALAYSIANS LIVING ABROAD SHOULD PROMOTE MALAYSIA, SAYS MAHATHIR

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DUBAI, April 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has called on Malaysians living abroad to promote and maintain the good image of the country.

He said Malaysians, who were the unofficial ambassadors and diplomats of the country, should disseminate proper information about Malaysia and ensure that foreigners got the right impression of the country.

"Please make sure that you give the good image and always say good words about Malaysia to the people in other countries and encourage them to visit Malaysia," he said at a dinner with the Malaysian community in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) here last night.

The dinner, organised by the Malaysia Club UAE, was attended by 200 Malaysians, who are professionals and businessmen in various fields.

Dr Mahathir, who arrived here yesterday for a two-day visit to the UAE, said the foreigners always got the wrong impression about Malaysia but changed their perceptions when they visited the country.

"It's good for them, good for us and good for the economy. They could dispel the wrong impression about Malaysia," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he was happy that Malaysians today could be found anywhere in the world, even in the remote countries.

"Malaysias are better known today compared with last time. Malaysian goods and products can also be found easily in other countries," he said.

The prime minister said Malaysia, which has great vision to become a developed country by 2020, needed to work very hard.

He said Malaysia, with its multi-racial, multi-religious and multi-lingual society, should remain stable and peaceful to continuously develop and achieve its ambition.

At the dinner, the Malaysians mingled with Dr Mahathir and had their photographs taken with him.

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