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DR MAHATHIR WANTS LITERARY EXPERTS TO PLAY A PROACTIVE ROLE

KUALA LUMPUR, May 25 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed the hope that literary experts in the country will play a proactive role in raising awareness of the society of the importance of unity and harmony among the people.

The prime minister said that they could do this through their works and in the process, help the country become prosperous and progressive.

He said this in his foreword in the souvenir programme for the Malaysian Tamil Literary Figures Day 2002 celebration at the Putra World Trade Centre, here.

The celebration, organised by the Malaysian Bharathidasan Association headed by Datin Seri Indrani Samy Vellu, is to fete literary figures who have made outstanding contributions to the development of Tamil literature through their works in the form of short stories, dramas and poems.

More than 2,500 people attended the celebration which was spiced with musical performances, debates and poetry recitation.

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