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DR MAHATHIR PERFORMS GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR BAKTI'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

KUALA LUMPUR, May 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today performed the ground-breaking ceremony for a project to build a community centre for Bakti at Bukit Kiara here.

The centre on a 0.8 hectare site is expected to be completed in 12 months.

In his speech, Dr Mahathir said that with the completion of the community centre, BAKTI would be able to carry out its activities more effectively.

"By having its own building, it will be easier for Bakti to carry out its charitable works," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the good works done by Bakti in helping the less fortunate would make the people grateful with the country's development.

Meanwhile, Bakti president Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali said that finally after 25 years of existence, Bakti would have its own building.

She said the government had offered Bakti the land since 1993 on condition that the buildings on it must only be for the office and activities of the association.

"Bakti accepted the offer and set up a special committee to design the building," she said.

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