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SUCCESS IN MAINTAINING PEACE DUE TO THE COOPERATION OF EVERYONE

PORT DICKSON, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- The country's success in maintaining peace and stability is due to the cooperation from all strata of society who believe in the government of the day, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The commitment shown by all Malaysians reflected their loyalty and love for the nation, the prime minister said.

Throughout the month-long celebration of the country's 45 years of independence, the people had been most sincere in expressing their appreciation and thanks for what they enjoyed as citizens of Malaysia, he said in the souvenir programme for the closing of the Merdeka Month celebrations at the Kota Impian pesta site, here, tonight.

The closing ceremony was performed by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail.

Dr Mahathir said the Malaysian flag could be seen flying in all corners of the country and this spirit augured well for Malaysia because it showed that the people felt responsible and that they had a role to play in the development and progress of the country.

He said such celebrations should continue all year round to make the young generation aware of the bitterness the people experienced under the foreign colonialists so that they would appreciate the struggle of the earlier generation to free the country.

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