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PURSUE KNOWLEDGE TO IMPROVE CAREERS, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

MELAKA, Sept 21 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has reminded civil servants to improve themselves by pursuing knowledge and becoming skilful in the field of information and communications technology.

In a country with e-commerce implementation, every individual had a role to play regardless of rank or position, the Prime Minister said.

"Those who strive hard and are efficient will succeed and be rewarded. Ideas are an important asset, and they need not come only from the top people in any association, organisation and department," Dr Mahathir said in his foreword in the souvenir programme of the Customs Officers Convention and 14th Biennial Delegates Conference here.

"In a developing country like Malaysia, the customs department's role will increase in proportion to industrial activities, business and trade," he said.

The 11,000-strong customs department was an important unit within the government administration, Dr Mahathir said.

The four-day convention, organised by the Peninsular Malaysia Customs Officers Union, will begin on Monday.

"Customs officers are the backbone and frontliners of the customs department," he said, adding that the government welcomed efforts to boost their spirit, dedication and professionalism.

He was happy with the role played by the union in improving the standard of living and career opportunities of its members.

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