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MAHATHIR: MUSLIMS CAN DEVELOP ON PAR WITH OTHERS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 14 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said that Muslims can develop on par with people of other religions, or become even more advanced, if they are serious about improving their lot by observing the true Islamic teachings.

"The Islam advocated by Prophet Muhammad is filled with revelations and pointers for living," the prime minister said in the souvenir programme for the national-level Maulidur Rasul celebration at Stadium Putra, Bukit Jalil Sports Complex, here, today.

Dr Mahathir said the Maulidur Rasul celebration was very meaningful for Muslims because it not only recalled the prophet's life but also gave them awareness to be more resolute in appreciating Islam and practising its teachings.

He said Islam was a true religion, suitable for all times and all people and Muslims should be able to understand and practise it properly under any condition or at any time.

Through correct and serious observance of Islam, Muslims would be more aware about fulfilling the demands of the religion, work harder, strive to acquire knowledge, enhance their resilience and be able to bring out the beauty in their daily lives, he said.

The celebration with the theme, "Bersama Hayati Keindahan Islam" was attended by over 10,000 people comprising representatives from the ministries, government agencies, institutions of higher learning, corporate bodies, banks and non-governmental organisations.

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