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PM'S LEGACY WILL LIVE ON AMONG YOUNGER GENERATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 25 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's unique approach of not forgetting past leaders will ensure Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad' legacy will live on among the nation's youths, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk M. Kayveas said.

"History shows that when a leader steps down and no longer has power, he will not be revered or remembered.

"In Malaysia, our situation is unique. We do not forget a leader's contributions," he told the media after launching the programme "Dr Mahathir's Contributions Remembered - The Legacy of a Legend" here today.

The one-day programme, to expose the younger generation to the Prime Minister's contributions and sacrifice, included a drawing competition in which most of the participants painted Dr Mahathir's portrait with the nation's symbols of development like the Petronas Twin Towers, Putrajaya and the KL International Airport.

In his speech, Kayveas also said that various government policies under the helm of Dr Mahathir, like the Look East Policy, the New Economic Policy and Vision 2020, successfully placed Malaysia as the Tiger of Asia.

In fact, he said, Dr Mahathir's ability to solve the nation's economic problem which happened during the financial crisis of 1998 was also a talking point among foreign nations.

"We can learn a lot from Dr Mahathir. We can refer to him as a book from which we can draw knowledge. The new generation has to know all that he has done...how he did things his own way even though he was criticised," Kayveas said.

Meanwhile, Kayveas, who is also Peoples Progressive Party president, invited Dr Mahathir and his Deputy, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, to the party's general assembly tomorrow where he would reveal information on corruption based on his experience as Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister.

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