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YOUTHS THE KEY TO BUILDING OF "BANGSA MALAYSIA", SAYS DR M

KUALA LUMPUR, May 15 (Bernama) -- The building of a "Bangsa Malaysia" (Malaysian Race) is a key agenda for the country that should be instilled in the minds of youths and be reflected in their actions, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The prime minister said it should be directed at inculcating the spirit of unity, love, cooperation, understanding, and love for peace and harmony among the various races in the country.

"Efforts in promoting racial excellence should be undertaken in an integrated and a sustained manner with youths forming the core of the undertakings," he said in his message in the souvenir programme of the National Youth Day Gathering 2003 here today.

The prime minister launched the celebrations, themed "Promoting Racial Excellence", at Stadium Putra in Bukit Jalil.

Dr Mahathir said to achieve this the thrust of the country's development was to equip youths with the attitude, knowledge and skills needed to face the challenges of globalisation.

Youths are the country's most valuable asset in terms of ensuring continuity in national development, he said.

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