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NATIONAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT CAN BE IMPROVED

SINTOK, July 15 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the country can be proud of its success in crisis management although there is still room for improvement.

He said efforts to increase management quality could include conducting certain case studies within the country or overseas.

"Our country is well-known in the whole world because it is capable of managing political, economic and social crises. Even though we can be proud of our capability, the quality of management can still be improved," he said in his speech at the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) Special Convocation here today.

At the convocation, Dr Mahathir received his honorary doctorate in Development Management while his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali received an honorary doctorate in Social Work Management from the Sultan of Kedah, Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, who is also UUM Chancellor.

The degrees were awarded in recognition of the excellent contribution by the two leaders to the community, knowledge expansion and their contribution towards UUM.

Dr Mahathir said management was a branch of knowledge and skills that was vital in the implementation of any efforts and only with the capability in the field of management would success be reaped.

He said the oppression towards Muslims today was due to the lack of effective management and administration among the Muslims themselves.

"Those who are supposedly wanting to defend the Muslims are only out to tarnish the image of the religion and the Muslims through retaliatory attacks, but the attacks were not aimed at the Muslims but were merely out of vengeance," he said.

On UUM, Dr Mahathir said the university played a vital role in providing the country with high-calibre managers but regretted that some

quarters tried to influence the students in the university.

"The attempts by some students to turn this university into a political arena is a betrayal to the religion, race and nation. If the country is not properly managed in the future, it is because of this group," he said.

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