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Dr Mahathir praised for transforming Malaysia

PENANG, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was praised last night for transforming Malaysia, from a country which was under colonial subjugation into an industrialised nation.

National Council of Muslim Youths of Nigeria president Al Haj Ishaq Kunle Sanni described Dr Mahathir's ingenuity at attracting foreign investors through provisions of infrastructure and political stability as inspiring.

"Malaysia is an embodiment of hospitality and patriotism.

"We are lucky to visit Malaysia which is a product of Dr Mahathir's ingenuity, intelligence and creativity."

"We hope to start an economic revolution which we have seen here and replicate it in other Islamic countries," he said at a dinner hosted by the State Government for participants of the International Conference of Muslim Young Leaders in Batu Ferringhi here.

About 150 delegates from 57 countries, who participated in the conference organised by Yayasan Penggerak Wawasan (YPW) and the Prime Minister's Department held in Kuala Lumpur recently, are on a two-day visit to Penang.

Present were State Secretary Datuk Khalid Ramli, conference chairman Tan Sri Rahim Thamby Chik and YPW director Datuk Dr Mohd Nor Abdullah.

Al Haj Ishaq said the ability of Dr Mahathir to maintain unity in diversity among Malays, Chinese and Indians had reduced religious bigotry and had enhanced peaceful co-existence.