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Dr M: Sports train people to tackle challenges

MALACCA, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said sports provide good training for people to learn discipline to face any challenge.

He said sports required one to train hard, be disciplined and focused to succeed.

Relating sports to developing the country, he said: "There will be many challenges ahead of us in our quest to develop this country.

"We must have discipline and work as a team if we want to succeed. We cannot have anyone doing things that will not benefit the team."

He said this in his speech at the prize-giving and closing ceremony of the 18th Piala Perdana badminton tournament at Stadium Mini Bistari in Ayer Keroh near here today.

The five-day tournament saw wives of elected representatives from various states squaring off for the Piala Perdana trophy.

Present at the closing ceremony were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife Datuk Seri Endon Mahmood, Bakti (the Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers Charity and Welfare Organisation) president Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam and his wife.