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PM: Good culture to repay what we have received

PUTRAJAYA, Fri. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight said the culture of repaying others for their good deeds would eventually help in the creation of a progressive society willing to work for the development of the nation.

The Prime Minister said when one received help from another, one should not think of it as his right but should strive to repay that deed in whatever way he could afford.

"There is nothing wrong if we repay others for their good deeds. It is a good culture as it will inculcate in us a good work culture... We will be willing to work and not just take, but willing to repay what we have received," he said at the launch of the Kubang Pasu Community Development Foundation at the J.W.Marriott Hotel here.

He was confident that with the culture, Malaysians would be a nation well respected and honoured.

"We are not just asking but giving. We will be respected by all parties, by the whole world and Malaysia will be a society that uses all its efforts to develop themselves," he said.

Also present at the launch were Dr Mahathir's wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain and the organising committee chairman Tan Sri Halim Ali.

The Foundation, established three years ago and the brainchild of Dr Siti Hasmah, aims at providing education facilities especially in the field of information technology and communication to the constituents. About 25 corporate companies donated around RM3 million to the Foundation.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysians should work very hard so that what they reaped was halal.

"If everyone does this, we will become a nation that is strong and not dependent on anyone. A nation like this would succeed because it puts great effort, is hardworking and contributes."