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Malaysia a 'model of success'

KOTA KINABALU, Mon. - Malaysia has proven itself as a model of a successful nation - economically, educationally, politically, in technological development and international relations.

Chief Minister Datuk Musa Aman said although the nation was only 46 years old, Malaysians had a right to be proud of their achievements.

"No one would have guessed back then that a small and weak nation would one day be on a par with countries that had once colonised it," he said after receiving the Jalur Gemilang from contingents from various districts in conjunction with the Merdeka month celebrations.

He said the people should be thankful that past leaders had formulated policies that had put Malaysia on the world map.

On the closing of the Merdeka month celebrations in Likas tomorrow, Musa expressed regret Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would not be there.

The event will be closed by Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin.