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Soul of a nation linked to history

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's recent exhortation to budding and aspiring writers to delve into history and record events in their proper perspective for future generations, I hope, has not fallen on deaf ears.

Indeed, in Malaysia, there is a dearth of good, authentic and well researched history books.

The soul of a nation is personified and closely entwined with its history, and authentic and factually recorded history books are invaluable not only for students but also for our young and aspiring leaders.

There are two basic lessons in history. First, people have taken their moral standards from their rulers. People have risen to great heights when they basked in the glow of noble kings or leaders.

Second, regions and kingdoms have been destroyed not by adversity but by abasement, and here the followers ought to advise themselves of the perils