

A need for Asian style globalisation

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JAKARTA: Malaysia will only be ready for globalisation when Asian economies have defined and created their separate version of what globalisation actually is, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

Presently, globalisation was "all profit for the West and nothing for us", he said.

"We should be able to have discussions with them (Western economies) and set up our version of what glob-

alisation is, then achieve a win-win arrangement for all of us to benefit from," he told reporters after closing The Asia HRD Congress 2006 here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said that without establishing the correct mindset on the part of workers, economies in Asia could not be developed.

In developing human capital for each country, he said the mindset of the Government had to be one that was

friendly to businesses.

During his speech, Dr Mahathir also spoke about corruption, saying: "People must be taught from the time they are small to look upon corruption as filthy and criminal."

The congress, co-organised by the Mesdaq-board listed SMR Technologies Bhd and Indonesian private management school PPM Institute of Management, began the day before.