

**Democracy Has Its Limitations, Says Dr Mahathir
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- Democracy only works when the people understand its limitations, said former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said democracy would not bring the goodness that it promised when people thought only of the freedoms of democracy and knew nothing of the implied responsibilities.

"Instead, it will result only in instability, and instability will not permit development to take place and the people to enjoy the benefits of freedom and the rights that democracy promises," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who was Malaysia's prime minister for 22 years before stepping down in 2003, said this in his keynote lecture at the University of Santo Tomas' (UST) special convocation in the Philippine capital, Manila.

He was conferred with an honorary professorship by the university. The honour is bestowed on distinguished foreign individuals who have achieved exceptional distinction in their respective fields of expertise.

Previous recipients include a Nobel laureate in chemistry and a chancellor from the Vatican, according to a statement from the Foreign Ministry.

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