

Dr Mahathir Suggests Tourists Be Invited To Open Houses
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has suggested that Malaysians invite foreign tourists to their open houses so that these foreign guests can also join in the festivity with the other races in the country in a harmonious atmosphere.

"People want to see our culture and our ability to live in a very multiracial country without the kind of fear that you see in many other multiracial countries or multireligion countries," he told reporters after hosting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and members of the public to his Raya open house at his residence, near here Saturday.

He said although the concept was nothing new, it should involve a more active participation by the people without depending on the government to give incentives.

"We don't hold lavish open houses but let them experience our style of living according to what we can afford," he said.

Dr Mahathir said although many quarters had made negative accusations against Malaysia, they should also go to the other countries to observe the differences.

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