

**Other political parties will discard Vision 2020: Tun Dr Mahathir**  
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SERDANG: Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said for the Vision 2020 to be carried on the Barisan Nasional has to form the government.

He said this was because there a great likelihood that other political parties would discard it if they come to power.

Speaking at the commemorative event of the 13th anniversary of Vision 2020 here yesterday, Dr Mahathir said: "It is normal for new leaders to leave their own legacy.

"We therefore cannot guarantee that Vision 2020 will be followed if another party comes to power."

He was answering to a question from the floor whether in the event the Opposition captures the government the vision will be fulfilled.

Dr Mahathir also said that it would be unwise for people to snipe at the vision just for political reasons.

"Only a blind person will say that Vision 2020 did not bring growth to the country.

"The whole country has changed with growth happening in every place."

He said the population in Klang Valley had grown from one million to seven million, universities had mushroomed producing many professionals.

Dr Mahathir called on the younger generation to consider the benefits of Vision 2020 with an aim to bring it to a successful fruition.

"Although I won't be around to see its fulfillment it is my hope that it will be continued as it is for the benefit of the people and peace and stability of the country.

"I hope the younger generation think and evaluate it because if it is a good thing it is only right that we maintain it."

The event titled "The Last Lap of Vision 2020" was organised jointly by Asli and the Cheng Ho Multicultural Trust.

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