

## **Look beyond boundaries for information - Mahathir**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) – Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said people should not be constrained by boundaries in their quest for information.

"As a citizen of the world, we need to look beyond boundaries for information," he said in a video message played at the opening of the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2018 here today.

He also urged the relevant parties to work together to ensure that information that was freely available to everyone was conserved and preserved.

Dr Mahathir noted that libraries had always had their place in every famous civilisation.

"In fact, without libraries we lose a mark of our civilisation," he said in his message to the congress' attendees.

Throughout the years, he said, libraries had evolved considerably and nowadays they no longer served as repositories of books alone but also a central entity to the acquisition of information and knowledge.

"With the rapid development in research and information technologies, libraries worldwide have changed not only in their role and functions but in terms of contents and appearance," the prime minister said.

WLIC 2018 was opened by International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) president Gloria Perez-Salmeron.

The organisers said over 3,000 participants from 102 countries had registered for the Aug

24-30 congress to discuss, debate and exchange ideas on professional issues related to the library profession.

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