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Wednesday 20/10/2021

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Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 3,531
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敦馬：國人士氣受挫 國家願景需明確方向

（吉隆坡21日讯）前首相敦马哈迪认为，政府必须提供明确的方向和政治稳定，以致力於建立一个繁荣、包容和可持续的国家愿景。

他说，无论政府喜欢与否，政府的优柔寡断、反反复复、误判优先事项、方向不明确、党派政治考量和缺乏远见和想法，是我国疫情问题加剧的祸首。

“大马人士气在过去两年严重受挫，多次封锁、混淆的标准作业程序，和不断增加的感染和死亡率，都对国人的心理造成影响；但我们非但没有摆脱危机，还越陷越深。”

马哈迪今日为**首要领导基金**举办的2021年总执行长论坛，发表闭幕演说时认为，新常态下的商业含有3个重要事项，即数码化经济、教育和明确方向及政治稳定。

他说，政府应该停止基於政治利益

作出决定，否则我国无法摆脱老规矩。

“我们正处於一个关头，即不能也不会容忍口头上和半生熟想法。”

他说，网络已经成为一种新力量，不仅允许人们不分时间和地方与他人沟通，也允许人们在世界各地购买到东西，因此网络市场是没有局限的。

“数码化经济会继续存在，而我们的经济要成长就要数码化，数码化能让我们尽快摆脱现有危机。”

另外，他指出，如今世界已经发生变化，我国不能在使用旧有的教学方式教育年轻人，而是应该探索如何利用技术使年轻人受惠。

他举例，他过去曾多次提议以传统和视频相结合的教育模式，即通过播放专家准备的课业视频，而教师负责指导学生的学习方式，这将大大简化教学，以及增加学习的程度。

選出廉潔政治人物

马哈迪重申，人民在下届大选必须投选廉洁的政治人物，否则国家无法实现减少贪污的目标。

他说，只要由坚决反贪的政府管理国家，以上目标就能实现，但如果由有贪污背景的人士来当政府，减少贪污的计划无法实现。

“所以在大选，人民不要投选那些行贿背景的人。”

另外，他也说，现在的政府仍然是个贪污政府。“我们还是由那些输掉大选的人管理，他们输是因为贪污，所以当今政府是个贪污政府。”

他认为，政治稳定是一个很重要的事，只有政府保持稳定和长时间坚持所作出的决定，人民包括商人才能规划出未来的发展计划。

Headline	Dr M: Malaysia needs clarity to move forward		
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Journalist	by S BIRRUNTHA	AdValue	RM 4,225
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Dr M: Malaysia needs clarity to move forward

He says the govt should also prioritise digitalisation of the economy and transformation of the education system

by S BIRRUNTHA

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"It is clear that until and unless the government gets its act together, and stops making decisions for political gains, we will not get out of this Covid-19 rut," he said while delivering a closing keynote address at the **Perdana Leadership Foundation** CEO Forum 2021 yesterday.

He said this year has been especially hard on the country, where it saw cases rise to higher than 24,000 with a death toll that is regrettably high for a small nation.



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The Langkawi MP added that in facing these unprecedented difficulties, the government must come up with creative and at times unorthodox ideas to overcome challenges.

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Besides providing a clear direction and political stability, Dr Mahathir outlined two

other top priorities that the government must focus on during the recovery period.

The first priority should be given to the digitalisation of the economy — to grow and enable Malaysia to get out of the current crisis sooner.

"If there is one thing that the pandemic has taught us, it is that we cannot do without the Internet. It has created a new power of rapid and limitless communications.

"This new power enables us to communicate with friends, families, business associates and governors, regardless of place and time. It also allows us to buy and sell to anyone anywhere in the world without limits.

"Therefore, I think the digital economy is here to stay and our economy must digitalise."

The former PM said the next priority should be given to education, adding that any industry and business that wants to succeed needs to employ high-quality talent.

He emphasised that as the whole nation is forced to adapt and adopt the new normal, the country's education system has to undergo transformation as well.

"If previously we took our time in digitalising our education, the pandemic took away that luxury and today we scramble to meet the educational needs of every single one of our children.

"Inevitably, we saw drastic changes in the way we deliver education. It can no longer be a one-way communication from teacher to student. It must be interactive.

"We need to realise that the world has changed dramatically and that our youths do not want to be taught in the same way that we were. It is time to unshackle our education," he stressed.

Headline	Dr M: M'sians want govt 'to get off their cushy seats'		
MediaTitle	The Star		
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Journalist	By FATIMAH ZAINAL	AdValue	RM 6,527
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Dr M: M'sians want govt 'to get off their cushy seats'

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"The various lockdowns, confusing standard operating procedures (SOPs), mounting infection and death rates, have all taken a toll on the Malaysian psyche," he said in

his keynote closing address at the **Perdana Leadership Foundation** CEO Forum 2021 yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said the nation is now at a critical point where the government needs to inspire confidence, provide clear direction and political stability, and be committed to its vision of establishing a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable Malaysia.

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"Singsing lengan baju, bangun dari kerusi empuk" - Mesej Tun M kepada kerajaan

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By Saidati Adha - October 21, 2021 • 11:58 PM



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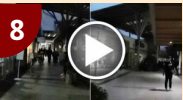
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他说，政府应该停止基于政治利益作出决定，否则我国无法摆脱老规矩。

“我们正处于一个关头，即不能也不会容忍口头上和半生熟想法。”

他也说，网络已经成为一种新力量，不仅允许人们不分时间和地方与他人沟通，也允许人们在世界各地购买到东西，因此网络市场是没有局限的。

“数码化经济会继续存在，而我们的经济要成长就要数码化，数码化能让我们尽快摆脱现有危机。”

另外，他指出，如今世界已经发生变化，我国不能在使用旧有的教学方式教育年轻人，而是应该探索如何利用技术使年轻人受惠。

他举例，他过去曾多次提议以传统和视频相结合的教育模式，即通过播放专家准备的课业视频，而教师负责指导学生的学习方式，这将大大简化教学，以及增加学习的程度。

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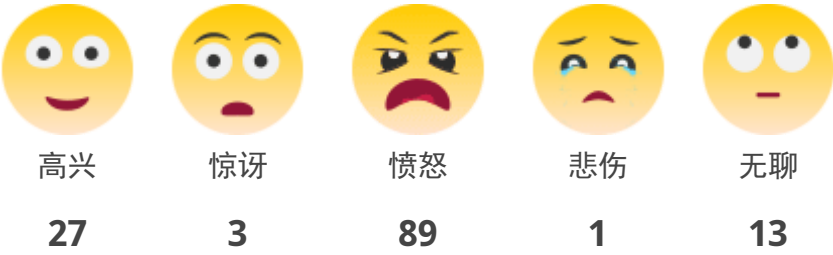
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敦马：是时候解放教育 应善用网络融入学习

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（吉隆坡21日讯）前首相敦马哈迪认为，大马家长和教师与其抱怨孩子花时间在互联网上，不如设法将之融入学习方法中，探索如何善用技术来造福大马学生。

他说，国人应该意识到在世界发生巨大的变化之际，年轻人已不再接受旧教育模式，是时候解放大马的教育了。

他是今日为**首要领导基金会**首席执行官论坛主持闭幕时说，除非政府认知到这点，提供明确的方向和政治稳定来实践之，并且切勿再让优柔寡断、反复无常、方向不明确、党派政治考虑以及因为缺乏远见让问题扩大。

他称，大马的士气在过去2年因为疫情和封锁而严重受挫，显然除非政府齐心协力，停止任何只为政治利益的决策，否则大马将无法摆脱这种常规。

续投选涉贪者 反贪没进展

马哈迪说，国人若仍投选有贪污背景者为政府，大马不可能取得任何反贪进展。

他是针对大马可否如反贪蓝图规划般在2030年达致零贪污目标问题，如是回应。

他说，除非人民在来届大选时投选一个全心全意宣誓反贪的政府，并投选真正廉洁者来领导政府。

询及如何确保将领导层更迭的影响降至最低问题，他说，大马经历了史无前例的政权更迭，但最终失败者通过贿赂收买支持来重夺政权，令人民丧失了民主投选领导人的权力。

他说，大马在短短的几年间，换了几任首相，从第五任到第八任，即使领导层更换了，但政府素质并未变，仍由在上届大选因为贪污而落选政府重新领导。

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他说，大马有不同的学校体系，导致孩子在幼年时就被隔离开来，以致在长大之后，对其他种族不熟悉。

他指出，由于各族要保持本身的种族特征，导致宏愿学校的理念被拒绝，孩子无法在一个校园内融合。

他说，大马的种族今天还是分裂，除非能够让各族融合起来，着重国家胜过于社群，方能消除种族间的隔阂。

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