

# Directive for private sector, too: PM

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PENANG, Fri. — The private sector should take the lead in improving job efficiency in line with the new directive to Government servants, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said the recent directive to Government servants was not for just the public sector but for everyone in the country.

He stressed the importance of sincerity and dedication from everyone in performing whatever task that has been assigned to them.

Speaking at a tea party at the residence of Chief Minister Dr Lim Chong Eu, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said if the people were required to work eight hours a day they should not waste their time in the office or work less hours.

He said everyone had a role to play in the development of the country and the Government had allocated considerable funds for various development projects.

## Harmony

He said the Government could not succeed in its various development objectives single-handedly and urged the people to contribute towards meeting these objectives.

He said the Government had the interest of the people at heart and tried its best to meet all its promises to the people.

"We do not make promises just to remain in power," Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said.

He said the country's potential for development was unlimited as it

had a lot of natural resources.

However, the people must be prepared to work hard to achieve the development objectives.

On Penang's development, he expressed confidence in the future of the State.

## Progress

He said although the population of the State comprised mainly the three different races, there was harmony and solidarity among the people.

He said it was important for the various communities to work closely and maintain solidarity

so that their efforts could be concentrated to developing the country.

The Prime Minister hoped that everyone would take into consideration the interests of other communities in deciding on any action or there would be tension and suspicion between the various communities.

He said the Government placed a lot of emphasis on poverty eradication and had achieved satisfactory progress towards this end.

"No one has yet died of starvation in the country," the Prime Minister said.

He urged the people in Penang to work hard so that it may be the leading State in the country.