

Malaysia has strong credit worldwide — Dr M

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— Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir**

Mohamad said today Malaysia is able to raise loans both at home and abroad to finance development projects due to its strong credit standing worldwide.

He said to implement development projects to benefit the people increased financing was required, and this was available from various sources.

He, however, stressed that the country did not borrow to build decorative buildings but utilised these funds for projects that would bring continued benefits for the people.

The Prime Minister was speaking at the opening of the \$8.9 million Pral Barrage in Permatang Pauh about 10 kilometers from here.

Among those present were Datin Sri Siti Hasmah, Chief Minister Dr Lim Chong Eu, Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and senior government officials.

Also present was the Barisan Nasional candidate for Permatang Pauh, Encik Anwar Ibrahim.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the Barisan Nasional Government had been in power since independence because of its good record of services to the people.

He said: "We do not want to beat our chest and be proud but we want to help the people, and the proof of this is everywhere."