

PM: Project priorities being reviewed

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — The Government is reviewing the priorities of all projects and programmes under the Fourth Malaysia Plan to protect the country's economy and reduce the effects on it from the world-wide recession.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said, however, the Government will continue to give its attention and priority to those projects which will benefit the people.

Deteriorating

The Prime Minister, pledging his loyalty to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, said in his congratulatory speech that the world economy was deteriorating and threatening the development of many nations, particularly the developing countries.

"Although our country has taken many firm steps to reduce the effects of the downturn in the world economy, we

still cannot escape being affected," he said.

He said the situation has become more critical with the unsympathetic and insincere attitudes of certain developed nations towards the problems being faced by the world now.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the Government is giving priority to efforts to increase productivity as a means of improving the nation's economy.

"Certain actions are being taken towards forming a work ethic among the people which emphasises discipline and a willingness to work.

"God willing, with the participation of all parties, more so the ordinary people, our efforts will be successful."

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said he was confident that Malaysia will continue to prosper in peace and harmony and that the standard of living of the people will improve and the unity and resilience of the nation will become stronger.