

Dr M spells out criteria for his Govt

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DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad spelt out the criteria for a clean, efficient and trustworthy government in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

Its scope of application is wide and is divided into several aspects each having its own characteristic and function, he said in reply to Encik Ismail bin Said (BN-Kemaman).

Generally, an efficient administration or organisation is one that is dynamic and knows how to carry out duties and responsibilities speedily and efficiently to achieve a goal.

In this context, the officers and staff should always be aware of their duties and responsibilities to society and be responsive to social problems.

"They should also be innovative to bring about changes or new ideas in the administration and management of their organisation.

"They should also work hard and be prepared to sacrifice their time and energy," he added.

The Prime Minister said an efficient administration is also one where all actions do not contain

deviationist motives for self interest through abuse of power, influence and status.

"If a project or programme is for the benefit of the people, then the duty and responsibility of the officers and staff handling the programme is to ensure that the people benefit from it."

The Prime Minister said trustworthiness in administration requires an officer or staff to carry out their duties and responsibilities with utmost sincerity.

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"It is by adopting a trustworthy quality that one can carry out his duty and responsibility in a clean manner.

"Hence, it is necessary for one to have self-discipline, high moral character and a sense of loyalty and belonging to his employer or organisation and to the nation," he added.

Among the measures taken to produce administrators and an administration that are clean, effi-

cient and trustworthy are holding of courses, training and efforts to increase knowledge and the professional capability of the officers.

Efforts to change attitude and to make them more motivated and dedicated and possess high discipline are made through the "excellent service" programme (khidmat cemerlang), he said.

This is being upgraded through the implementation of the Government's Look East policy to instil Japanese work ethics.

The Government is also studying ways to further boost productivity, said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir.

Efforts to eradicate deviation and corrupt practices would continue to be enhanced, he added.

The Prime Minister said the nation's administration can be improved and should be upgraded and the pattern and ways of administration have to be adapted to keep up with time.

"I am confident we will become more dynamic if all government staff and the society co-operate as well as work hard to make the administration truly clean, efficient and trustworthy," he added.