

PM tells Bumi traders: Be good partners

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Bumiputera entrepreneurs were today **advised** to preserve and hold sacred the concept of **partnership** in any joint **venture** project.

Speaking at a luncheon to mark the opening of the Sari **Bundo** restaurant here, Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad** **said** partners must always co-operate with one **another** and not let **misunderstanding** "crack" the business.

He expressed concern over the growing ten-

dency among **Bumiputera** businessmen to break up partnerships over the slightest disagreement.

"When they disagree, the partners split up and **set up** their own respective businesses. So we have two shops. The number then grows to three or four..." he said.

In **setting up** a business, Dr Mahathir said it is not only important for the partners to co-operate but also for the staff and management to get

along with one another.

The restaurant, **opened** by Agriculture Minister **Anwar Ibrahim** yesterday, is the first **Malay-Sian-Indonesian joint venture** restaurant.

Popular

Located in **Jalan Ke-**munting, the restaurant offers the only authentic **Padang food** in the country.

Referring to the restaurant, Dr Mahathir hoped the partners would

co-operate and work closely with another.

"Don't let misunderstandings crack up the **partnership** as is frequently happening among **Bumiputeras**," he **said**.

He also hoped the restaurant would be popular and be the forerunner of a chain of such shops in **Kuala Lumpur** and other parts of the country.

On a lighter note, the Prime Minister **expressed** his concern that offers the restaurant, **which** offers his favourite **dish, dendeng**, would "make us **all fat**."

Sari Bundo is a popular restaurant in Indonesia. There are already two such restaurants there.

Also present at the luncheon were Datin Seri Dr **Siti Hasmah**, Finance Minister **Dalm Zainuddin**, Education Minister **Datuk Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi** and Culture, Youth and Sports Minister **Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud**.