

Work harder to ^(P) increase output: PM

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad has expressed the hope that the productivity campaign which he launched today at Kampung Berjaya, 10 miles from here, would bring about a new spirit among the rakyat to work harder and more systematically to boost productivity.

The Prime Minister said at one time the country was not in such good shape and had to depend on aid from other countries. However, Malaysia was more fortunate today.

"The world will only respect us if we are self-reliant but we will not be respected if we always ask for aid from others," he said.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia would be richer if the people worked harder and obtained better yields. He said Government agencies and bodies were prepared to help the people increase their yields of palm oil, rubber, padi, cocoa and other crops.

"The nation's wealth depends on the efforts of

the people. Wealth does not come from the sky," he said.

Citing the example of rubber, the Prime Minister said scientific research had enabled the yields to be 10 times more than the original species brought from Brazil.

"I am confident we can increase the yields by more than 10 times through better planning and a more systematic approach," he said.

Dr Mahathir said big estates produced more rubber per acre than smallholders because of better organisation and systematic methods.

He urged the people to utilise their resources to the full and said the campaign was aimed at maximum productivity.

He reminded the people to be more organised and systematic to ensure that their endeavours

would prove beneficial.

The Prime Minister hoped that the campaign would make the people more aware of the need to increase their productivity in all fields.

A heavy downpour failed to dampen the spirit of more than 5,000 people who turned up to give the Prime Minister a warm welcome.

Also present were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah, Land and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Adib Adam and Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Paduka Osman Aroff.