

Private sector should do more

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hathir Mohamad is happy to see that the private sector has taken steps to increase productivity.

Some of them include establishing quality control circles to improve the quality of their products.

He said that the private sector should do more to improve productivity and become more competitive in the international market.

"The private sector must realise that other producers elsewhere are already becoming more efficient and their cost of production has also been reduced," he said.

Subsidies

The Prime Minister, however, was still not satisfied with the steps taken by the private sector so far, especially in efforts to become more self-reliant.

He said: "Everytime we talk to the private sector about increasing productivity, it asks us for assistance, subsidies and other protection.

"This shows that the private sector is not doing enough on its own and is not that efficient."