

# Co-operation the key to continued progress: PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the people should not think only of their race but help and co-operate with one another if they want to see continued development and prosperity in the country.

They should all bear in mind that the Government was always concerned about everyone in the country and did not want anyone to be left behind.

Speaking at a ceremony at Kampung Cheras Baru before giving away land titles to villagers in the area, Dr Mahathir said the Government did not promise to make everybody rich but "we have always been trying to reduce the problem of poverty".

The Government would continue to do its best to implement projects and provide job opportunities as much as possible for the benefit of the people,

## Opposition

It was with this intention that the Government had encouraged foreigners to invest and set up factories in the country.

However, it was unfortunate that due to the economic slowdown, some factories have had to close down.

The Prime Minister regretted that certain groups had capitalised on such issues simply to discredit the Government.

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"These groups make use of every possible issue to blame the Government.

"To them, everything the Government does or does not do seems to be wrong."

In a vague reference to Opposition parties, Dr Mahathir said these groups did not seem to know what they really wanted.

What they were interested in, he said, was to stir the people's feelings so that they would hate the Government.

The Prime Minister, however, was confident the people knew the actual situation and were not easily influenced.

He said the Government was doing its best for the people as it realised its responsibility to them.

The Government was always prepared to listen to grievances and problems and to solve them where possible.

"The Government does not wait until election time before providing the people with the various facilities. We do it because we care for the people at all times."

Also present at the brief ceremony were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah, Federal Territory Minister Datuk Shahrir Abdul Samad, Deputy Trade and Industry Minister Senator Kee Yong Wee, who is also Sungai Besi MCA division chairman, and Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk S. Subramaniam.