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# PM: More jobs coming with more industries

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — The Government will set up more industries to provide job opportunities for the people and to upgrade their skills so that the country can manufacture goods for the world market, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The Prime Minister said that if in the past the country was dependent on rubber, tin and palm oil, it should go into the manufacturing of competitive goods for their future.

It was pointless to vent anger at outside pressure which was responsible for the falling prices of the country's primary commodities, he said when

opening a multi-purpose hall at Datuk Keramat here today.

"What is important is for us to renew our determination to develop the country through industrialisation.

"If we have more industries, we can provide more jobs to the people. They in turn will be able to upgrade their skills and

we can produce goods which are on par with those produced by other countries," he said.

However, Malaysians must, he said, first have confidence in their own ability to prosper and progress.

He said the national car was testimony to this capability.

Dr Mahathir, who was

welcomed by thousands of people, took to task critics who "pooh-poohed" the Proton Saga idea when it was first mooted.

"Now those who laughed at us are driving that very car here and there," he said.

Dr Mahathir said not only could the Proton Saga be sold domestically but more than 20 coun-

tries had also placed orders for the car.

This was further proof that Malaysian products were on par with those of other countries, he said.

Dr Mahathir said he was confident that with hard work, discipline and dedication, the country could become a strong industrialised force in the world.