

# DR M ON THE ART OF BEING CALM

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Sat.** — Trade union leaders should learn the art of being calm and patient and be always prepared for negotiations if they want the best for their members.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir gave the advice at a ceremony here this evening to pay tribute to the late Mr V.E. Jesudoss — a founder member and first president of the Malayan Technical Services Union and Cuepacs.

The Prime Minister said a developing country like Malaysia needed mature trade union leaders, who should be reasonable with their demands and accept the capacities of employers, in fighting for the rights of their members.

"In order to ensure the nation's growth there should always be cooperation between unions and employers.

"With the growth of the nation more

foreigners will invest here and this in turn will create more employment opportunities.

"We are thankful that over the years there have been very responsible and reasonable leaders leading major unions, including Cuepacs, who preferred negotiations than demonstrations," he said.

Dr Mahathir also unveiled a plaque to name a hall after the late Mr Jesudoss at the Cuepacs' apartment in Jalan Thamby Abdullah here and presented Mrs Jesudoss with another plaque from Cuepacs, paying tribute to her late husband.

He hoped other unionists would follow the path set by Mr Jesudoss, who was responsible for the consolidation of public services unions in the country and played a major role in guiding Cuepacs to its present position.