

# What the Prime Minister did say

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**YOUR** heading 'Proton's Malaysian managers unable to deliver' (NST, Oct 12) attributing it to the Prime Minister is incorrect and misleading.

At no time did the Prime Minister in his reply in Parliament say that the Malaysian managers were unable to deliver.

What Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said was that the Ma-

laysian managers were not able to meet the expectations.

What they were doing was good but was not enough to reduce cost and increase efficiency.

As there was a need for greater efficiency three senior Japanese executives were invited to assist in the management of Proton for a period of two years.

Dr Mahathir also mentioned in

his reply that there was nothing wrong in learning from others who possess the experience and expertise.

The Prime Minister is aware that, in fact, Proton under Malaysian management had achieved higher production than the designed capacity of the plant.

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