

Prepare for new challenges, PSD told

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — The Public Services Department must continue to explore and adopt new methods to face future challenges, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said today.

In his message to mark the 55th anniversary of the PSD, the Prime Minister said the efficiency of the civil service must constantly be upgraded to ensure excellent service to the people

and nation.

Noting that the PSD is one of the main Government departments responsible for managing public sector affairs, he said the country needed a public sector that could nurture the traditional values of loyalty, dedication and efficiency.

"In this respect, the civil service has shown its maturity and ability to accept and carry out vital changes

in meeting society's needs," he said in the booklet **Renewal — Towards excellence** in the civil service.

The booklet is published in conjunction with the PSD's anniversary celebrations which the Prime Minister will launch tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir praised the PSD for its present performance saying that it had matured and was more receptive in carrying out vi-

tal changes to meet society's needs.

In his message, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Yusof Nor said there was a need to upgrade professionalism in the public service to meet the needs of Government administration which was becoming more complex.

He said the PSD must intensify its efforts to bring about changes as well as

improve its image and change the attitude of civil servants, so that they are more responsive and sensitive to policy changes.

The Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Sallchuddin Mohamed, said in his message that the PSD must have a personnel management policy to meet the changes in technology, education, consumer demands and the 24-hour market.