

Dr M: We can achieve more Cash in on technical know-how

HUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — Malaysia has done well in its 33 years of independence, but more can be achieved if the people are more creative and equip themselves with better management techniques, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the country would enjoy more development if the people kept abreast of technological know-how and learnt to use it profitably.

In his National Day message over RTM, Dr Mahathir again called on Government leaders, chief executive officers in the private sector, civil servants, businessmen and all other citizens to discharge their duties responsibly and with the highest degree of trustworthiness.

It is important for leaders to

show their subordinates and colleagues good examples.

"By the same token, the younger generation should develop a good sense of values and develop trustworthy characteristics."

The Prime Minister said history had shown that developed communities inevitably suffer and become destabilised because of corruption and abuse of power.

When corruption is widespread, a country's administration and people suffer, Dr Mahathir added.

He said that when this happened, all efforts at nation-building would be adversely affected, resulting in a weak administration and a depressed economy. This would then make the people suffer.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia should learn from history and not repeat the mistakes made by others.

The Prime Minister called on all Malaysians to double their efforts in productive endea-

vours, aided by a more disciplined attitude towards work.

The Prime Minister said Malaysians must work harder, with greater confidence, to meet future challenges.

To help achieve some of the country's dreams, Dr Mahathir said the rakyat should be wise enough to reject narrow struggles and other attempts which may jeopardise the harmony and peace enjoyed now.

Instead, Malaysians should widen their scope and perspective and pay particular attention to develop the country further.

Only through development will the rakyat live meaningfully.

He said there were still some people who continued to doubt the nation's capability of meeting the target of greater success.

"These doubts still exist even after the country has done well

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in its industrialisation programmes.

"For instance, in the first half of the year, Malaysia received proposals for industrial investments amounting to more than \$23,000 million."

The people's quality of life, too, has shown a marked improvement with more schools, improved electricity and water supply, hospitals and clinics and other infrastructural amenities.

The Government had also managed to reduce the poverty level in the rural areas besides increasing the various educational opportunities, the Prime Minister said, adding that the nation's success had partly been due to its adherence to the "democratic process, harmony between the races and efficient administration".