

# Mahathir to workers: Be disciplined and industrious

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — The Prime Minister has called on all workers to be disciplined and industrious so that Malaysia can achieve its objective of becoming an industrialised nation by the year 2020.

"If this objective becomes a reality, workers will stand to reap the benefits," Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said in his Workers Day message.

He said workers should also consider the factors which determine their income and standard of living.

He advised them to avoid activities which would be detrimental to them later on.

The Prime Minister also stressed that industrial harmony was essential to en-

able the country's economy to expand.

"If there is no industrial harmony, productivity will decrease and the economy will not grow.

"In such a situation, businessmen will be reluctant to invest in our country and the unemployment rate will go up.

"When this happens, wages will decrease as employers will not have a problem finding workers," he said.

Dr Mahathir said unions and laws would not be able to improve workers' standard of living if the economy was weak.

He added that in Malaysia, workers were free to set up unions to protect their rights.

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