

# Recognition for workers' role in development

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — The solidarity assembly held at Stadium Negara today was to record the Government's highest appreciation for the nation's workers, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

In his message published in the souvenir book marking the assembly, the Prime Minister said workers, together with employers and the Government, had succeeded in taking Malaysia towards a more excellent performance.

He said Workers' Day accorded by the Government was to appreciate the workers' deeds and contribution towards the nation's progress and development.

Recognising that workers are one of the critical basis of production besides capital, land and entrepreneurship, he said it was important that there are warm ties between workers and employers to ensure higher yield.

In this respect, Dr Mahathir said the Government was proud that Malaysian workers were aware of their responsibilities and role in the country's development.

"This fact has helped the Government attract more investments into the country," he added.

Dr Mahathir said employers too are responsible for industrial harmony.

This, he said, can be achieved through sharing of the fruits of success of an organisation, be it through the form of attractive bonuses, more comfortable and safer working facilities and better welfare benefits.

In his message, Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek said vigilance, dedication, solidarity and the spirit of cooperation between employers and workers help the country excel.

Because of this fact, *perpaduan* (solidarity) was chosen as this year's assembly theme — a symbol to tripartite unity and cooperation, he said.

Datuk Lim said the Prime Minister's 2020 vision of a developed nation can be described as total eradication of poverty, creation of a economically-equal society.

The tripartite co-operation would ensure success of the country, he added.