

No substitute for hard work, **PM** tells businessmen

JASIN, Tues. — Datuk Seri Dr **Mahathir Mohamad** today reminded businessmen, especially bumiputras, that hard work is the only way to success.

The Prime Minister said bumiputra businessmen should discard the mentality of trying to be rich quickly.

"It is greed and hastiness to seek instant wealth which would lead to bankruptcy and failure," he said when launching the Golden Valley Golf Resort at Air Panas, near here.

Dr Mahathir said "get-rich-schemes" were rampant in the country because the operators understood the mentality of such people and could capitalise on their greed.

He said businessmen should learn to work diligently, be prepared to

take calculated risks, experience losses and face other obstacles.

Dr Mahathir commended the resort's management for having the courage to set up the project, reputedly the world's second biggest golf course with 54 holes.

He said the success of the company's chairman, former Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Setia Ghani Ali, was an example for other chief ministers and mentris besar.

"It proves that MBs and Chief Ministers need not cling on to their posts. They can also do well after retiring from the job," he said.

Earlier, when opening the Taman Mini Asean at Air Keroh, Dr Mahathir said the people should do their part to encourage more tourists to visit the country.