

# Dr Mahathir: Good sense of timing

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MALACCA, Wed. — A good sense of timing is important for any innovative project to succeed, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

But this, he added, must also be complemented by sound management.

"If we are too early (in implementing ideas), we will fail," he said when opening the Tapa Nyai Island Resort on Pulau Besar off the Malacca coast this afternoon.

Dr Mahathir said the \$20 million resort would not have succeeded if it was built before the country's Independence because at that time the nation was still not well known.

"However, due to our untiring efforts, the time now seems to be right for us to go all out and develop all our tourism potentials."

He expressed confidence that the Malacca Government would be third time

lucky in developing Pulau Besar.

(Previous attempts, which have since been aborted, were the development of a livestock farm and a tourism centre).

Earlier, Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik also voiced his optimism over the project despite strong objections from many quarters.

He said he had ignored the objections which were based on superstitious beliefs that the legendary island should be left as it was.

He dismissed talk that the water crisis which hit Malacca since the beginning of the year was the result of Pulau Besar's development.

"Every inch of Malacca can be a source of income if we put in our effort," he said.

The Tapa Nyai Island resort consists of 141 rooms and chalets designed in traditional Malay architecture.