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PM IMPRESSED WITH SUCCESSFUL MALAY MANUFACTURERS

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ALOR SETAR, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he was impressed with some Malay entrepreneurs who had succeeded in the manufacturing sector, a field once thought to be beyond their capability.

He said their ability to produce electronic components for supply to the big factories showed that the bumiputeras were just as capable.

Their problem was lack of capital and space to carry out the industry, he told reporters after a special meeting with the Kubang Pasu Umno division committee at the Menteri Besar's official residence, here.

Earlier, the prime minister spent about an hour at a briefing on small- and medium-scale industries at the Kedah Regional Development Authority (Keda) building, here.

He said the entrepreneurs were able to produce electronic components like chipboards and injection moulds for supply to the big factories like Sony. -- more

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"This is the role Keda should play to provide them a place to operate more effectively and to expand their operations.

"This is not something done by the government but done on their own and I salute such people who do not just ask for government assistance," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the government would strongly support such entrepreneurs, who had made it on their own steam, and help them enhance their performance.

People who were always asking for help were not likely to succeed, he added.

Asked about the quality of the products, he said some of the products had even achieved the Sirim ISO 9000 standard and export quality. --

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