

Administrative machinery praised for its efficiency

DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has praised the Government's administrative machinery, saying that it is efficient, disciplined and productive.

The Prime Minister said the country was grateful for having an administrative machinery that the people could be proud of.

Speaking as Umno president when he opened the party's general assembly, Dr Mahathir said: "It is not only efficient, disciplined and productive, it also provides quality service and is comparable to the administration found in some developed countries.

"This has enabled us to undertake development work smoothly and more effectively."

He said that the Government had introduced a lot of innovations in its adminis-

trative system. If in the past the administration had been less cooperative with the private sector, the situation today was different.

The public sector and the private sector were working together as a team to further develop the country. Undertakings which were felt more suitable for the private sector to handle were shifted to them via privatisation, he said.

For the administrators, the Government had devised a remuneration system which allowed more appreciation to be shown to officers and staff who performed their work well, Dr Mahathir said.

Those who were mere passengers would not get the same treatment as those who worked hard and were productive. Promotion and wages were determined ac-

ording to their performance, Dr Mahathir said.

He added: "We feel that this can give rise to better productivity and quality.

"Government servants who do not benefit from this system will definitely feel disappointed. But the people will be more disappointed if they do not get the service they rightly deserve."

The New Remuneration Scheme was a unique and new approach. Time would tell whether the system was good or bad, he said, adding that making predictions would not help.

The country's outstanding achievements became more significant in view of the fact that Malaysia was a multi-racial country, a situation which was normally difficult to govern, as seen in most plural countries.