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MAHATHIR CONFIDENT. PULAU PINANG WILL ACHIEVE VISION OBJECTIVES EARLY

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BUKIT MERTAJAM, Dec. 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed confidence that Pulau Pinang will be able to achieve the objectives of Vision 2020 earlier.

He said he based his confidence on the intensive development in the state which was among the developed in the country.

"I believe Pulau Pinang will achieve the objectives of Vision 2020 in a shorter period, and I am proud of the success the state is enjoying," he told a press conference at the end of a two-day visit to the state.

The prime minister held the press conference at the Otis Manufacturing Company Sdn Bhd in the Bukit Tengah industrial area here after opening the factory which manufactures lifts and escalators.

Dr Mahathir said the prosperity of the state was reflected in the welcome he received from the people during his visit.

He said the government was happy to see Pulau Pinang having progressed and he hoped that the policies of the federal and state governments would be implemented well. -- more

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The prime minister said he noticed a change of heart in the people who now appreciated his visit and they waved to and smiled at him and were friendly.

"This perhaps reflects a change of heart for the Barisan Nasional (BN) and the BN government and its policies," he said.

Asked by reporters what could have brought about this change, Dr Mahathir said it could be because the people were prosperous and felt at ease with the government.

Dr Mahathir said it was pointless supporting opposition political parties which played up communal issues which would only lead to racial riots. -- Bernama

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