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PRIVATISATION POLICY HAS BOOSTED DEVELOPMENT, MAHATHIR

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KUALA PERLIS, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the government's move to encourage the private sector to play a vital role in the economic field has enabled the country to progress and have more development projects for the people:

He said the private sector's active role in economic activities would give rise to a bigger number of successful industrialists and traders whom the government could tax to finance development projects.

Opening the RM37.4 million Kuala Perlis new ferry terminal here, the Prime Minister said that in the past development projects wholly depended on limited government allocations.

He said at one time Kuala Perlis only had a small terminal which was not very convenient but today it had a very much bigger one to cater for the thousands of tourists flocking to Langkawi.

He said the terminal would not only benefit the tourists but also local people who also undertake small business activities there like washing cars or renting out parking space. -- more

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He said the government on its own could not possibly provide all the facilities and bring about the required progress without the private sector playing an active role in economic expansion.

Dr Mahathir said from the profits earned by the private sector, more tax could be collected by the government.

The changes taking place would continue and more development projects would be implemented throughout the country provided there was peace and co-operation from the people, he said.

The Prime Minister expressed the hope that Malaysia would continue to serve as a model to other countries.

He said several projects such as land reclamation works which had been begun in Perlis would be extended to Kedah and Pulau Pinang to expand the country's land surface. -- more

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This in turn would create more employment opportunities for the people, he said.

Dr Mahathir was confident that under the leadership of Menteri Besar Dr Abdul Hamid Pawanteh, Perlis would continue to develop and achieve progress on par with other states in the country.

He also hoped that everyone would co-operate to ensure the beauty and cleanliness of the ferry terminal to attract more tourists.

Dr Hamid said the progress achieved by Perlis was due to help from the Federal Government.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said the terminal would spur Perlis' economic development.

Dr Mahathir then went aboard the ferry "Lada Dua" which was berthed at the terminal, and spent about 10 minutes aboard the vessel. -- Bernama
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