

# Factors which bring about Malaysia's robust economy

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Malaysia's robust economy has been brought about by political stability and close relations between the Government and the business sector, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said this was what he had told the 150 participants of the Malaysia Summit Meeting in a one-hour closed-door dialogue at the Shangri-La Hotel here. The participants were mainly foreign and lo-

cal businessmen.

Dr Mahathir was speaking to reporters after launching the books *Conduct of Elections in Malaysia* and its Bahasa Malaysia version, *Penjalanan Pilihan Raya*, published by Berita Publishing Sdn Bhd at the same hotel later.

He said he also told them of the various business and investment opportunities available in the country.

The two-day meeting, which ended today, was or-

ganised by the *International Herald Tribune* (owned by *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* newspapers), the Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia and the American-Malaysian Chamber of Commerce.

He believed being "serious people", the participants would report on Malaysia's business potential to their respective companies factually.

"They listened carefully

to all the answers... they did not come here just to be funny," he said when asked whether they were serious in their queries on the country's business opportunities.

Dr Mahathir said they wanted to know exactly the real business situation in the country to get a better picture before embarking on any business venture.