

# Growth 'the result of privatisation'

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SUNGAI PETANI, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said the country's growth was the result of the successful implementation of the privatisation policy.

He said the policy had reduced the Government's burden of developing the nation as the responsibility was being shared with the private sector.

He acknowledged the private sector's remarkable performance in developing the country.

He said the policy had also stimulated the pace of development, and created a more efficient workforce because "the private sector has to deliver the goods to make profit".

Dr Mahathir said when the Government undertook the sole responsibility of developing the country, not much was achieved due to the lack of motivation among civil servants.

"In those days, whether there was improvement or no improvement, there would still be an increase in salary," he said at the launch of Kejora Harta Bhd's medium-cost residential units for its Bandar Amanjaya project here.

Also present at the ceremony were Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff and Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali.

Dr Mahathir was pleased that Malaysian companies had grown from strength to strength and were able to undertake major housing projects.

He was also impressed with the achievement of Bumiputera companies like Kejora Harta in developing major housing projects.

Dr Mahathir also reiterated the Government's intention to further develop States other than the Federal Territory.

He was glad that the northern States had collaborated with neighbouring countries to develop the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thai-

land Growth Triangle.

Earlier, Kejora Harta chairman Tan Sri Dr Khalid Sahan said Bandar Amanjaya would be the country's biggest fully integrated township.

It was planned to cater for

a population 350,000 and its development would comprise a town centre, residential areas, industrial estates, recreational zones and other infrastructural facilities.

Khalid said Government agencies including a hospi-

tal, the Fire Services Department, courts and commercial institutions would also be located in the town.

Later, the Prime Minister, accompanied by Osman and Khalid, viewed the model house at the project site.