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#### Book examining Dr M's policies launched

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia has transformed into a respected industrialising nation.

How did Dr Mahathir do it and how will his policies and strategies benefit the nation in the future?

These issues are explored in a book titled CEO Malaysia: Strategy in Nation Building by Hng Hung Yong.

The book, accompanied by a CD-ROM of the same title, was launched by Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tun Mohamed Zahir Ismail at the KL Hilton.

Hng said the biggest problem Dr Mahathir faced was how to manage a plural society, and he has accomplished that.

"Some strategies have worked better than others and some are not suitable for the future.

"We have to constantly ask ourselves whether what we are doing is good enough for the future," Hng said when asked why he decided to write the book which he began last year.

The book outlines policies and programmes closely identified with Dr Mahathir including the clean, efficient and trustworthy slogan, Look East Policy, Malaysian Incorporated concept, privatisation policy, Vision 2020, Smart partnership philosophy, and Multimedia Super Corridor.

Hng was a leader writer with the New Straits Times in the 1970s and was also The Star group editor.

From 1977 to 1983, Hng was managing director of Star Publications (M) Bhd.

He was a fellow at the Institute for Policy Research and later became the first chief executive officer with Yayasan Salam.

In his speech, Zahir said Dr Mahathir's leadership role could not be diminished.

"Malaysia's recovery will depend to a considerable extent on Dr Mahathir - on what he does or does not do, and on what he says or does not say.

"This is because throughout his leadership, Dr Mahathir has kept a firm hand on the Malaysian economy, its growth and pace."

Hng's book will be priced at RM39 and published by Pelanduk Publications.

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