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DR MAHATHIR REGRETS PEOPLE'S LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN LOCAL GOODS (PIX)

ALOR SETAR, Jan 16 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed regret that some Malaysians still lack confidence in locally-produced goods when such goods are now sold in developed countries and have gained world recognition.

The recognition showed that Made-in-Malaysia goods were of high quality but unfortunately the Malaysians themselves lacked confidence in them, the prime minister said when opening the Star Parade Shopping Complex in Jalan Teluk Wanjah, here.

He reiterated his confidence that Malaysians could steer themselves out of the current economic woes if they were thrifty and bought local goods.

The complex was built by Jejak Timuran Sdn Bhd, a joint-venture company between Pinggiran Mewah Sdn Bhd, Permodalan Kedah Bhd and the Kedah State Development Corporation.

Completed last January, the four-and-a-half-storey complex on a 1.8ha site has 198 shoplots. -- BERNAMA

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