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Have faith, confidence in our ability to bounce back

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IN a live interview with a local TV station, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad outlined the formula for recovery insofar as Malaysia and Malaysians are concerned.

He made it clear that we must have faith and confidence in our economy and currency.

Other specifics were also mentioned. The most important, I believe, was for us to draw upon our "inner strength" for, in times like these, we must have confidence not only in the economy and ringgit but more so in ourselves.

We will ride out of this storm together. The solutions to the problems facing the nation are with us, not with anyone else. If we choose to think solely of ourselves, none of us will survive the problem.

When we come out of the problems we are currently facing, we will emerge poorer and weaker, making us extremely vulnerable to external forces. Indeed, this is a time for faith and sincerity, a time to dedicate our hearts and minds to the effort of rebuilding this home of ours.