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Well done, PM tells man who managed it all

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SEPANG, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight praised Datuk Jamilus Hussein, KLIA Berhad's managing director, for his contributions towards making the airport project a success.

Dr Mahathir said Jamilus was awarded the Panglima Setia Mahkota (PSM), which carries the title of Tan Sri, by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar in conjunction with the King's recent 76th birthday for his contributions in managing the construction of the RM9 billion airport project.

The Prime Minister cited him as the man most responsible for the management of the construction of the complex project.

Jamilus, when contacted after the opening of the KLIA, said the airport's success was due to the hard work of the KLIA Berhad's team.

He said everyone in the company, comprising mostly Public Works Department staff, had dedicated themselves to the project. He said they never gave up hope even during the toughest of times to complete the airport.

"This is not my own personal success since no one person can build an airport," he said.

Jamilus said he was delighted and relieved that the airport was finally opened after five years, especially since the KLIA Berhad team was apprehensive about handling a project of such a massive scale.

"The reason for this apprehension is simply because no one in the country has ever handled such a huge project.

"The key to our success was working within a deadline and never giving up."

Jamilus said he was surprised when he was asked to manage the project; but was never worried of handling it.

"We are trained in the civil service to undertake any task when instructed with loyalty and dedication. When I received a telephone call from the Chief Secretary to the Government instructing me to manage this project, I accepted it with an open mind."

He and his colleagues viewed the project as a service to the nation.

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