

# PM: Malaysia Incorporated helps

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. Malaysia Incorporated has not only contributed towards the country's development, but also in easing racial tensions and disparities between Bumiputeras and non-Bumiputeras, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said the close

co-operation between the public and private sectors espoused under the concept had made it possible for both sides to down play racial differences.

Left to themselves, he said, the Malay-dominated government service would tend to obstruct the Chinese-dominated private sector.

"But with Malaysia Incorporated, they are both working for the same

corporation — Malaysia — and they know that they both stand to gain or lose, depending on how the corporation performs.

"Their close working relations not only contributed towards facilitating bureaucratic procedures and businesses, therefore assisting in the country's good economic growth, but it also contributed towards greater racial harmony," he

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told delegates to the Malaysia Incorporated Summit 2000 at Hotel Istana.

Dr Mahathir said Bumiputera businessmen had always been inept in the conduct of their relations with government bureaucrats despite their being of the same race.

"With the Malaysia Incorporated concept in place, government bureaucrats were prepared to be more

patient with Bumiputera businessmen, whose problems were usually more numerous and taxing than those of non-Bumiputeras."

The Prime Minister devoted the greater part of his speech to how the concept was incorporated in 1983 and the challenges it faced,

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