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Mahathir-Putrajaya

PM'S DEPT CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ITS MOVE TO PUTRAJAYA

PUTRAJAYA, June 17 (Bernama) -- Putrajaya, the nation's administrative centre, reflects the extent of Malaysia's development in the post-colonial era, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said that unlike during the pre-Independence era when the buildings had colonial architecture, Putrajaya had a unique identity, including Islamic construction features, which Malaysians should be proud of.

"I believe that the population and visitors to Malaysia will recognise Putrajaya...this is the Malaysian identity that we hope will continue to be developed," he said after launching the first anniversary celebration of the Prime Minister's Department's move to Putrajaya, here.

Dr Mahathir was also satisfied with the new township which was built in such a short time.

Meanwhile, in the souvenir book, he said the shift had opened up a new paradigm in the annals of the Malaysian civil service, one based on a modern, efficient, quality and competitive civil service with the use of information technology (IT) at every level.

The prime minister said: "All efforts to prosper the nation requires sacrifices and integrated pooling of resources from all levels of government officers and staff."

He hoped that the celebration would be made an annual affair.

At the function, he presented prizes to winners of the Putrajaya 2000 Run and visited stalls selling foodstuff and other items.

The other events to mark the day were angling and kayaking competitions and an art competition for children.

Putrajaya is one of two towns located in the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), a 750 sq km area designed to be a hub for multimedia products and services to achieve Malaysia's objective to be a top IT nation. The other one is Cyberjaya.

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