

Efficient administrators build a nation, says Dr M

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PUTRAJAYA: An efficient and responsive administration is the only way a country can hope to progress, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said this was proven by the country's civil service led by competent and "ever-willing to learn" executive administrators.

"Our administrative and diplomatic officers have been instrumental in providing efficient and good government service to the people and the business community in particular, which has led to the country developing as fast as it is today," he said at the annual dinner of Malaysian Association of Adminis-

tration and Diplomatic Service (PPTD) at Marriott Hotel last night.

He said the challenge now was for them to look at more innovative ways to provide better and more efficient service to the people.

Dr Mahathir said the administrative executives should now look into retraining, especially in the areas of drafting agreements and contracts so that another "water pact with Singapore issue did not arise."

Later, he presented the PPTD Gold and Special Awards to two students Ainoriza Mohd Aini, 21, and Mohd Mawardi Mohd Razha, 22.