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Good planning is recipe for our success, says PM

PUTRAJAYA, Tues. - Malaysia is developing well because the country implements whatever it plans, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight.

"This is our culture. We don't plan for the sake of planning," he said, adding that there were countries that didn't carry out what they had planned.

"We carry out our plans systematically and effectively. Computers, too, have helped us tremendously."

He said this before presenting excellence service awards to 32 employees from the Prime Minister's Department and its Implementation and Coordinating Unit at the Marriott Hotel here today.

"Looking at the development we have achieved today, many say we are not a developing nation, but a developed country.

"But we know that we will only be a developed nation when we've achieved a US\$16,000 (RM60,800) per capita income, which we expect to achieve in 2020."

Dr Mahathir said the Government spent a lot of money to develop the country for the benefit of the people.

"Of course, there are corruption and bribery cases, but they are not alarming. In some countries, the corruption and bribery cases are so bad that projects can't be carried out."

The Prime Minister said departments like the Implementation and Coordinating Unit contributed a lot by providing useful feedback from time to time.