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PM praises Admin and Diplomatic Services

PUTRAJAYA, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today praised the Administrative and Diplomatic Services (PTD) for its efficiency and diligence.

He said the resourcefulness of PTD officers had helped the country to forge ahead in its many stages of development, including privatisation and the implementation of K-Government.

Speaking at the Administrative and Diplomatic Services Association's (PPTD) annual dinner here, he said:

"In fact, the officers should be allowed to use the PTD after their name as they have done the country proud."

Dr Mahathir said the success of the Malaysia Incorporated concept was also due to the clean administration of PTD officers who proved wrong the critics who said Government working with the private sector would have negative repercussions.

"It should be understood that if the country is to progress, the private sector needs to be healthy and vibrant.

"If the private sector succeeds, the public sector will succeed in terms of bigger tax collection for the country."

He added PTD officers should now rise to the occasion in helping the country through future challenges.

The difficulties faced by the country over the sale of water to Singapore, he said, is an example of failing to look at the implications of the agreement.

"That is why we are selling raw water at three sen per 1,000 gallons as agreed to by the British. When the time came to scrutinise the agreement, somehow we did not do it."