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Dr M: Japan's
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us to success

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's successful industrialisation is a result of the Japanese business community's confidence in and support of the country, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

"Malaysia knows that much of its industrialisation was made possible by the investments, expertise and keenness of the Japanese business people and their companies.

"At a time when many countries were doubtful that Malaysians could work efficiently in factories, Japanese companies came here to invest and discovered that Malaysians can work almost as well as the Japanese," he said last night at the Japanese Chamber of Trade and Industry, Malaysia's (Jactim) 20th anniversary dinner in Sri Kembangan near here.

He said since then, practically all the big Japanese companies have invested in and set up manufacturing plants in Malaysia.

At the dinner, Jactim president Tan Sri Dr Kazumasa Suzuki donated RM100,000 to Bakti on behalf of the Jactim Foundation, and on hand to receive the donation was Bakti president Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.