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Mahathir-Poem

MAHATHIR'S HOPES IN POEM AT THE END OF BUDGET SPEECH

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 12 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wished for the prosperity of Malaysia in a heartfelt poem which he read at the end of his Budget 2004 speech in the Dewan Rakyat today.

The Prime Minister said he was confident that with God's blessings, Malaysia would continue to develop and her people prosper while receiving continuous accolades from global society.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Finance Minister, took three hours to present his speech which was themed "Building on Success, Investing for the Future".

The speech, which started at 4.10pm, was telecast live via radio and television.

The words of his poem were:

Because of you Malaysia,
We uphold the nation, unite the people

We set a thousand steps forward
Together we strive in darkness, riding the waves
Seeking the light, reaching for the dream
Defying a million obstacles
Though we may fall
We shall persevere to achieve our vision

Peaceful is my country
Blessed with success, bestowed with prosperity
United we stand, resolute in determination
Glow the spirit of patriotism
The world has acknowledged
Our dignity has been upheld

No more aggression
No more humiliation
Our independence enshrined
Peaceful is my country...Malaysia

-- BERNAMA

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