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Country owes its spectacular development to Dr Mahathir

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THE stirring speech on the eve of National Day by the Prime Minister really touched our hearts. As he nears the end of his service, he is still worried about the attitude of some Bumiputeras who look for the easy way out to gain riches and success.

He was hoping that Bumiputeras would strive hard for success through discipline.

No wonder he seemed so wistful as an excerpt of his poem Perjuangan Belum Selesai (The struggle is not over) was played. He had hoped Bumiputeras and non-Bumiputeras would be united to strive for the country's progress and development.

Tengku Abdul Rahman Putra led the struggle for independence. Then, Tun Abdul Razak developed the agriculture sector through the Green Book. Later, Tun Hussein Onn continued with his struggle. Now, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has achieved tremendous success for our country.

Soon, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will take over the leadership.

Dr Mahathir's leadership from 1981 to 2003 showcased the country's spectacular development and advance.

He is one of the greatest leaders Malaysia has had and I hope God will bless him with good health and happiness.

The spectacular 46th National Day celebration in Putrajaya was a fitting tribute to the "architect" of Putrajaya. Before Dr Mahathir retires, I hope he will visit all the States so that the people can express their gratitude to him.

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