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Malaysia seen as `backward' in Pakistan

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I WAS in Islamabad on a short tour.

Ordinary people in Pakistan do not know much about Malaysia. They think that Malaysia is a backward country and lacking in infrastructure.

Questions often asked: Is Malaysia modern? Are there many modern cities? Are there many tall buildings and shopping malls? Are there highways and paved roads?

If only I could bring the whole lot of them to Kuala Lumpur. If only we could publicise our country more effectively to the people of Pakistan. The Pakistanis are proud of their country.

I am very proud of Malaysia, especially when I meet Pakistanis who have a lot of praise for our Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

I do not blame the Pakistanis if they think Malaysia is backward and does not have much money.

You should visit the Malaysian High Commissioner's office in Islamabad. It is a pathetic sight.

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