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*Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad handing over the **Legendary Lifetime Achievement award** to **Datuk Tan Chin Nam** at the **Malaysia Business Awards 2012** on Friday. Pic by Farizul Hafiz Awang*

Businesses should be grateful, says Dr M

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SEAMLESS: Government has made it so easy to operate here

KUALA LUMPUR

FORMER prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged the business community in Malaysia to be thankful to the government for its efforts in upholding the country's stability for the past 55 years.

"There is no other government in the world which is as friendly as our government, in terms of facilitating a seamless business operation," he said in his opening remarks at the Malaysia Business Awards (MBA) 2012 on Friday.

He said Malaysians today had made a lot of improvements, adding that before this, the country would have had to bring in outside experts just to set up basic infrastructure.

"Now, I am so proud to see local

contractors providing their services overseas."

At the event, Datuk Tan Chin Nam, the major shareholder of IGB Corp Bhd, was honoured with the **Legendary Lifetime Achievement award**, while National Land Finance Cooperative executive chairman Tan Sri Dr K. R. Somasundram and MK Land chairman Tan Sri Mustapha Kamal Abu Bakar bagged **Lifetime Achievement awards**.

Datuk Syed Hisham Syed Wazir, UMW Holdings president and group chief executive officer, was honoured with the **International Excellence award**.

MBA 2012, organised by the Kuala Lumpur Malay Chamber of Commerce, recognises outstanding performers in the local business community. **Bernama**