

PM, DPM GIVE THEIR BEST WISHES

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Greater success can be achieved if Malaysians have will, desire to work hard, says Dr M

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TUN Dr Mahathir Mohamad has expressed hope that 2019 will be more meaningful for Malaysians in their bid to achieve greater success.

The prime minister, in his New Year message, said greater success was within reach if people

possessed the will and desire to work even harder.

“My wife and I wish all Malaysians Happy New Year.

“We have endured a challenging 2018.

“Many incidents, both pleasant and otherwise, have occurred within that period.

“Here’s hoping that the resolutions made last year have been achieved.

“I pray that all the successes and failures we have experienced will serve as lessons for us.

“May the new year bring even greater meaning to all of us, and compel us to continually work towards even greater success,” he said in video shared on his Facebook page.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah

Wan Ismail also shared her New Year resolution, which was to safeguard the environment and become a better Malaysian.

“I intend to reduce the use of plastic to save the dwindling turtle population and take an active part in recycling,” she said.

Dr Wan Azizah, who is women, family and community development minister, said she was committed to maintaining a healthy lifestyle by reducing the intake of sugar and high-carbohydrate foods, and exercising.

She said with the ban on smoking in eateries coming into effect today, she would exercise care not to be a passive smoker and protect loved ones from the danger.

“Nevertheless, most importantly, I am determined to be a

better Malaysian,” she said.

Dr Wan Azizah said 2018 saw various achievements, including the launch of the i-Suri incentive scheme to ensure a minimum income security network for housewives and the “Working with Children Check” checking system for those who work with children, such as teachers and transporters, on whether they have a criminal record.

She said all government departments and agencies were required to have a nursery for the children of staff and a mechanism was established to raise the minimum age of marriage.

“This year, hopefully, we will continue to achieve more, *In-syaAllah* (God willing).

“Hopefully, 2019 fulfils your dreams.”



Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail