

“My observation travelling all over the world is that people succeed or fail not because of race or colour or whatever ... They fail because of different cultures ... For example, the Japanese, the Koreans, they are doing well and now the Chinese have become the second biggest economic power in the world. That is related to their culture. The culture of the Chinese — 4,000 years of culture — versus the culture of the Malays, which is basically 600 years old, is not the same and it is because of that that they fail.”

Dr Mahathir Mohamad in an interview with *Sin Chew Daily*, in relation to his view that the willingness to work hard must be in one's culture in order to succeed

