

# 'Work hard for the country'

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## Help make M'sia a developed nation, Dr M tells civil servants

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Make it a new year's resolution to help Malaysia become a developed nation, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad told civil servants.

The Prime Minister urged government servants to work hard so Malaysia could achieve its aim of becoming a developed country by 2030.

"I hope that the year 2020 will be a meaningful one for all of us. May it be the starting point for Malaysia to achieve great success and that by 2030 we can become a developed nation.

"Make it a resolution to help develop the country so we can stand tall among other developed countries.

"Celebrate the new year by having a resolution that not just benefits our own selves, but also the country.

"I believe if we work hard enough, we can achieve all of our dreams," said Dr Mahathir during the first monthly assembly of 2020 for the Prime Minister's Department yesterday.

He said Malaysians had shown it could compete with developed countries through its capability in advanced technology.

"Today, we are able to produce our own advanced tools such as drones, which is useful for nation development.

"We will continue to involve ourselves in producing such advanced technology, so that we will be seen



**Towards a better Malaysia:** Dr Mahathir attending the Prime Minister's Department's first monthly assembly in Putrajaya. With him is Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail. — Bernama

as a modern country that is on par with other developed countries," he said.

Dr Mahathir also called on civil servants to work together with all Malaysians in ensuring that the country can deliver the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 (SPV2030).

"The government has introduced the Shared Prosperity Vision, but all of us need to put in a lot of effort to

ensure the success of this programme.

"Government action alone is also not enough. The vision must be embraced and accepted by the rakyat," he said.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the aim of SPV2030 was to reduce the disparity that exists between rural and urban areas, states, regions, as well as dif-

ferent races.

He also said the rich in Malaysia plays a big role in helping the poor to prosper.

"Rich Malaysians help the country to prosper because they pay higher taxes. We need their tax money for development, and they should also do some CSR (corporate social responsibility) to help the poor," he said.