

# Dr M urges ministers, civil servants to work together

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Ministers and civil servants have been urged to put aside their differences and personal feelings and work together to benefit the country.

Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday everyone in the government has an important role to play in helping Malaysia attain developed nation status by 2030.

"It will involve not only the government machinery, but also the ministers.

"The government has come up with the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 but for it to become a success, every person in the government needs to work together.

"For SPV2030 to achieve its goals, everyone needs to work harder ... this must be their goal this new year," he said at the first monthly gathering of the Prime Minister's Department staff for 2020.

Mahathir said the people have put their trust in the government, and the promises made must be delivered.

He asked civil servants not to envy the rich as the country needs them.

"The rich should strive to help the poor ... not only through CSR (corporate social responsibility programmes) but also by paying taxes in full as these help pay salaries and more importantly help develop the country."

He also touched on the gaps and differences which exist among the different races, urban

and rural, and state and federal territories.

He pointed out that Malaysia practises a free economy which allows anyone who is willing to work to increase their income.

"The government will come up with policies and initiatives to help the poor improve their income but they must be willing to work hard."

He asked for civil servants to go down to the ground to explain to the poor why they should learn to be productive and stop relying on subsidies.

"We will introduce ways on how the poor can improve themselves, but they must be receptive and willing to learn."

The prime minister also shared his hope for 2020, "that it will be a new start and Malaysia will be a developed nation by 2030".