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# AZMIN: FT PULSE OF DEVELOPMENT

They make Malaysia capable of competing with other countries, says minister

**KUALA LUMPUR**

**T**HE Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur, Labuan and Putrajaya are the pulse of Malaysia's development, Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali said in a special Federal Territory Day message yesterday.

He said in 2017, the Federal Territories contributed a sizeable 13.5 per cent to Malaysia's gross domestic product.

The Department of Statistics estimated the population of the three territories at 1.98 million last year.

"(The goal of making) Kuala Lumpur an international commercial and cosmopolitan city,



*Federal Territories flags lining up the Putra Bridge in Putrajaya in conjunction with Federal Territories Day yesterday. BERNAMA PIC*

Putrajaya a federal administrative centre and Labuan a global financial hub has made Malaysia capable of competing with other fast-developing countries," Azmin said.

Federal Territory Day has been celebrated annually on Feb 1 since 1974 when Kuala Lumpur was transferred to federal control.

To further develop the country,

Azmin urged the people to fulfil their social responsibilities.

He said it would ensure balanced development and harmony for city dwellers.

"Let us realise the dream together and ensure continuous progress of the Federal Territories so that they can be on a par with (centres in) developed countries."