

Parliament Debate,

Kuala Lumpur, 22nd Jan. '69 (Bernama)

Dr. Mahatir bin Mohammad (Kota Star Selatan)

DR. MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMED (ALL-KOTA STAR SELATAN) CALLED ON THE MINISTRY TO DO MORE TO DEVELOP MALACCA AS A TOURIST CENTRE. THE HISTORIC TOWN HAD MANY ATTRACTIONS FOR TOURISTS, SUCH AS THE MALACCA MOSQUE WITH ITS DISTINCTIVE ROOF STRUCTURE SHOWING CHINESE INFLUENCE, HE SAID.

THE MANY OLD BUILDING IN MALACCA SHOULD ALSO BE PRESERVED, HE ADDED.

MR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT MANY PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT TOURISTS LIKED TO SEE LARGE AND IMPRESSIVE BUILDING.

MANY OF THE TOURISTS PROBABLY HAVE LARGER AND MORE IMPRESSIVE BUILDINGS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES, HE SAID.

DR. MAHATHIR URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO GET MORE PEOPLE IN THE ADVERTISING BUSINESS TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM TO PUBLICISE THE ATTRACTIONS OF MALAYSIA.

HE ALSO CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A BUILDING IN KUALA LUMPUR TO HOUSE THE OFFICES OF ALL THE AIRLINES AS WELL AS OF THE TOURIST DEPARTMENT. -- BERNAMA MORE 1730