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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 20 (BERNAMA) -- GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE EVOLVED A POSITIVE STRATEGY FOR A MORE CO-ORDINATED APPROACH IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD INDUSTRIES IN MALAYSIA.

AT A MEETING INITIATED BY THE FOOD INDUSTRIES OF MALAYSIA SDN. BHD., YESTERDAY, DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON THE CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION OF FIMA ACTIVITIES AND THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN EXTENSION WORK, RESEARCH, PROCESSING, MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING IN FOOD INDUSTRIES.

THE MEETING, CHAIRED BY FIMA'S CHAIRMAN, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE MALAYSIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, THE FOOD TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, FARMERS ASSOCIATION, THE CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENT AND THE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID: +WE CAME TO AN UNDERSTANDING OVER THE FUNCTIONS OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH AND HOW GREATER CO-ORDINATION COULD BE EFFECTED.

+IT WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT FIMA AS A COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION OF THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN FOOD INDUSTRIES, WHILE OTHER ORGANISATIONS WOULD CONTINUE WITH THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH.+ -- BERNAMA MORE 2134/A1

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HE ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, AND MARDI HAD AGREED TO SUPPLY THE RESULTS OF THEIR RESEARCH TO FIMA AS WELL AS UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC STUDIES AT FIMA'S REQUEST.

+FIMA IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS OBJECTIVES WOULD LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING JOINT-VENTURES WITH THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT AND THE FARMERS ASSOCIATIONS.

FIMA ALSO AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF FINANCING ITS PROJECTS BY THE BANK RAKYAT.+ -- BERNAMA 2140/A1