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ALOR GAJAH, MAY 7 (BERNAMA)--DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT KNOWLEDGE ON THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY BE IMPARTED TO SCHOOLCHILDREN.

HE ADDED THAT THIS WAS NECESSARY SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT IN IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY WOULD NOT CREATE SUSPICION AMONG THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES BUT INSTEAD WOULD ENCOURAGE THE SPIRIT OF GIVE AND TAKE BETWEEN ONE ANOTHER.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE EXTENSION BUILDING OF THE SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN PACOH HERE.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID AT PRESENT 60 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S ECONOMY WAS HELD BY FOREIGN INVESTORS, 35 PERCENT BY NON-BUMIPUTRAS AND ONLY FIVE PERCENT BY BUMIPUTRAS.

THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY, HE SAID, WAS AIMED AT GIVING 30 PERCENT CONTROL OF THE ECONOMY TO BUMIPUTRAS 40 PERCENT TO NON-BUMIPUTRAS AND 30 PERCENT TO FOREIGN INVESTORS.--

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THEREFORE, HE SAID, THE BUMIPUTRAS HAD TO WORK HARD TO OBTAIN THE REMAINING 25 PERCENT CONTROL SO AS TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

HE WARNED THAT IF NO REAL EFFORTS WERE TAKEN TO ENCOURAGE BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMY THIS ECONOMIC GAP WOULD FURTHER WIDEN.

IF THIS HAPPENED THEN THERE WOULD BE CHAOS IN THE COUNTRY, HE SAID.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS TO MAINTAIN SOLIDARITY AMONG THE PEOPLE AND TO ENSURE PEACE AND SECURITY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO FIND WAYS TO REDUCE THIS ECONOMIC GAP AND ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES.

ON THE ADMISSION OF BUMIPUTRAS WITH LESSER QUALIFICATION INTO THE SIXTH FORMS HE EXPLAINED THIS WAS BECAUSE MOST OF THEM

FROM SCHOOLS IN THE RURAL AREAS WHERE THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WERE INADEQUATE.

THERE WERE ALSO MORE BUMIPUTRAS TAKEN IN INTO THE SIXTH FORMS BECAUSE IT WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO RESTRUCTURE SOCIETY AND ELIMINATE POVERTY.--BERNAMA MORE 1325/NB

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HE SAID TEACHERS SHOULD EXPLAIN THIS MATTER TO THEIR STUDENTS THROUGH CIVICS CLASSES SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY WOULD NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD.

EARLIER, THE CHIEF MINISTER, HAJI ABDUL GHANI ALI, SAID THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EDUCATING THE CHILDREN SHOULD BE SHOULDERED BY ALL, ESPECIALLY PARENTS AND TEACHERS.

HE SAID THE SCIENCE SECONDARY SCHOOL AT AYER KROH WITH A HOSTEL THAT COULD ACCOMMODATE 600 STUDENTS AND COSTING \$3.5 MILLION, WAS COMPLETED.--BERNAMA 1327/NB