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KUALA TRENGGANU, JUNE 5 (BERNAMA) -- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL ALLOCATE FUNDS TO STATE GOVERNMENTS FOR PREPARING HOUSING SITES TO BE SOLD TO THE LOWER-INCOME GROUP, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY.

HE SAID IT WAS THEN UP TO THE BUYERS TO BUILD THEIR OWN HOUSES WHEN THEY COULD AFFORD IT.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON TRENGGANU'S DEVELOPMENT AT THE OPERATIONS ROOM HERE THAT THIS WAS PART OF THE NEW APPROACH TO BE ADOPTED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN PROGRAMMES.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE CONSTANT PROBLEM FACED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN LOW-COST HOUSING SCHEMES WAS THE HIGH COST OF LAND.

THIS HAD PUSHED UP THE PRICE OF HOUSES BEYOND THE REACH OF THE POOR, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA MORE 1525/41

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HE SAID THAT HIGHER ALLOCATIONS WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE LESS-DEVELOPED STATES UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE MORE INFRA-STRUCTURAL FACILITIES AND STAFF TO THE STATES TO ENSURE THE MONEY WAS SPENT EFFECTIVELY.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SPOKE OF THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE PEOPLE TO RE-ORIENTATE THEIR ATTITUDE AND THINKING.

WITHOUT A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE, THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES WOULD BE FRUITLESS, HE SAID.

HE ALSO URGED GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND STAFF TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND NOT TO CAST BLAME ON ANYONE.

THOSE WHO WERE INADEQUATE SHOULD RESIGN AND GIVE UP THEIR PLACES TO OTHERS MORE CAPABLE. -- BERNAMA 1527/A1

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THIS EVENING, DR. MAHATHIR OPENED THE KUALA TRENGGANU VOCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL COSTING ABOUT \$2 MILLION.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BUILD MORE SECONDARY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FOR PENINSULAR MALAYSIA UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN.

THERE WERE AT PRESENT 21 SUCH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA 1800/YF