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(EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AFTER 10.45 P.M. TONIGHT -11/6/76)

KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 11 (BERNAMA)-- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED HAS URGED ROTARIANS TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN.

HE SAID GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ALONE WERE NOT ENOUGH TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE ROTARY CLUB COULD ASSIST IN DISTRIBUTING THE BURDEN OF DEVELOPMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE INSTALLATION DINNER OF THE KUALA LUMPUR ROTARY CLUB HERE TONIGHT DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE CLUB COULD INJECT A HUMAN ELEMENT INTO WHAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE A PURELY MECHANICAL PROCESS.

HE SAID THE CLUB COULD DO THIS SINCE IT REPRESENTED A CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND HAD LEADERS FROM VARIOUS PROFESSIONS WHO COULD PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT THE ROTARY'S OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG THE PEOPLE HAD SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO MALAYSIA.

+ROTARIANS COULD DO A LOT TO CEMENT THE VARIOUS RACES TOGETHER AND BRING OUT THE BEST IN THEM.+

HE SAID THE VIABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE NATION WOULD BE ENSURED WITH A GREATER DEGREE OF RACIAL HARMONY. --BERNAMA MORE 1610/1B

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DR. MAHATHIR THEN PRAISED ROTARY'S OBJECTIVE OF TRYING TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL AND PEACE.

HE SAID THEY SHOULD TRY TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE NATIONALLY FIRST, THEN WITH IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND FINALLY WITH COUNTRIES ABROAD.

TOUCHING ON THE ROTARY THEME FOR THIS YEAR--TO DIGNIFY THE HUMAN BEING-- DR. MAHATHIR SAID ROTARIANS SHOULD BEGIN THEIR EFFORTS WITH THE CREATION AND UPHOLDING OF THE DIGNITY OF THEMSELVES IN THEIR PROFESSION, FAMILY, BUSINESS AND COUNTRY.

HE SAID THEY HAD NO DIFFICULTIES IN ACHIEVING THIS MOTTO BECAUSE THE PRACTICE OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY IN THE ROTARY MOVEMENT IN ITSELF ENHANCED THE DIGNITY OF MAN IN RELATION TO HIS ENVIRONMENT.

ALL THAT WAS NEEDED TO BE DONE NOW WAS FOR THE SERVICE TO BE EXTENDED TO THEIR CLIENTS AND THEIR DEALINGS WITH THEM.

HE SAID THE DIGNITY WITH WHICH THEY DEALT WITH THEIR CLIENTS, WHOEVER THEY MIGHT BE WOULD IN TURN BRING DIGNITY TO THEM.

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