

DR. MAHATHIR SAID SINCE THE SUCCESS OF THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN DEPENDED ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE GOVERNMENT WAS FULLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE VITAL ROLE THE ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM PLAYED TO CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT NECESSARY FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO MEET THE TARGETS SET UNDER THE PLAN.

HE HOPED THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN WHEN IT PROMULGATED ANY REGULSTIONS WHICH WERE MEANT NOT TO HINDER PRIVATE INVESTMENT BUT TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL GOALS. --

BERNAMA MORE 1618/A1

EARLIER, THE MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, DATUK MUSA HITAM, SAID THAT AS MALAYSIA WAS THE LEADING PRODUCER OF NATURAL RUBBER +WE MUST INTENSIFY OUR EFFORTS TO PRODUCE BETTER AND MORE OF THE COMMODITY.+

+THIS WILL GREATLY HELP IN THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC WELL-BEING,+ HE ADDED.

+THE FIRST TECHNOLOGY CENTRE OF THE RRI NEAR LONDON MADE AVAILABLE TO THE WORLD THE WIDE END-USES OF NATURAL RUBBER AND IT ATTRACTED MANY INDUSTRIALISTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES.+

THE CENTRE AT SUNGEI BULOH, HE SAID, WOULD HELP GREATLY IN THE PROGRAMME TO EDUCATE MALAYSIANS PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. -- PERNAMA MORE 1628/A1

RUBBER RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF MALAYSIA DIRECTOR HAJI ANI AROPE SAID THE SMALLHOLDER SECTOR HAD CONTRIBUTED \$5.5 MILLION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE \$10 MILLION BUILDING.

A TOTAL OF \$4.5 MILLION HAD BEEN CONTRIBUTED BY THE FARMING SECTOR. -- BERNAMA 1727/A1