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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 6 (BERNAMA)-DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD STRESSED TODAY THAT THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN THE COUNTRY WAS STILL VERY GOOD DESPITE WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAID.

HE TOLD A BUSINESS CONFERENCE HERE THAT BUSINESS COMMUNITIES CONTINUED TO SHOW APPRECIATION FOR MALAYSIA'S INVESTMENT CLIMATE.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY SLACKENING OF INVESTMENT DURING THE LAST ONE OR TWO YEARS IT WAS MORE DUE TO THE GENERAL WORLD TREND AND SHORTAGE OF CAPITAL THAN A POOR INVESTMENT CLIMATE.

THE CONFERENCE, ORGANISED BY BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL, IS AIMED AT ACTING AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO POINTED OUT THERE WOULD BE NO SHORTAGE OF EXECUTIVES PROFICIENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE DESPITE WHAT SOME PEOPLE BELIEVED.

ON BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD EXPLAIN MORE ABOUT THE NEED FOR GREATER BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION.

ABOUT 60 LOCAL AND FOREIGN BUSINESS LEADERS, ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL END TOMORROW. -- BERNAMA HM 2015