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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 25 (BERNAMA)--DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD STRESSED TODAY THE IMPORTANCE OF CO-ORDINATION IN REALISING THE AIMS OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED NOW WAS NO LONGER THAT OF POLICY BUT IN IMPLEMENTATION.

HE ADDED THAT CO-ORDINATION WAS ALL IMPORTANT IN EFFORTS TO AVOID ANOMALIES, DUPLICATION AND UNCERTAINTIES OF PROGRAMMES AND TO CHANNEL THE DIRECTIVES AND POLICES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE OPERATORS AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS WHEN LAUNCHING THE NATIONAL-LEVEL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE ON BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HERE.

HE SAID THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY WAS AIMED AT DETERMINING THE OBJECTIVES TO BE REALISED IN A SPECIFIC TIME. --BERNAMA MORE
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DR. MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, SAID OTHER PROBLEMS INCLUDED THE WAYS AND THE VARIOUS OBSTACLES IN ACHIEVING THOSE OBJECTIVES.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE INCLUDE MINISTERS, MENTRIS BESAR AND CHIEF MINISTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN.

THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING TODAY WAS TO CO-ORDINATE THE EFFORTS IN INTENSIFYING BUMIPUTRA ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.

IT WAS ALSO TO DISCUSS PARTICIPATION OF BUMIPUTRAS IN BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES AND TO ASSESS THE RESULTS OF AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE TO HELP BUMIPUTRAS IN THOSE FIELDS AND ALSO THEIR PROBLEMS.

DR. MAHATHIR HOPED THAT THE COMMITTEE COULD BE TURNED INTO AN EFFECTIVE AGENT TO HELP BUMIPUTRAS IN THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THOSE FIELDS.-- BERNAMA MORE 1250/1B

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HE ADDED THERE WERE MANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH WERE INVOLVED EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO INCREASE BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE FUNCTION WAS COMPLEX AND IN CARRYING OUT SUCH A FUNCTION THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE BODIES WOULD TEND TO OPERATE INDIVIDUALLY.

THIS WOULD RESULT IN DUPLICATION OF WORK OR EVEN COMPETITION AMONG THEMSELVES AND LESSEN THE BENEFITS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIAL IF THEY HAD WORKED AS A GROUP.

DR. MAHATHIR ADDED THAT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES, BESIDES STAFF AND FACILITIES, AUTHORITY WAS ALSO IMPORTANT.

THAT WAS WHY, HE SAID, THE COMMITTEE WAS SET UP WITH TOP-LEVEL MEMBERS OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT WITH SUCH MEMBERS ANY DIRECTIVE ISSUED TO THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT HINDERANCE AT THE LOWER LEVEL. -- BERNAMA 1255/1B