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MANAGEMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 9 (BERNAMA) -- THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SUGGESTED TODAY THAT A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS SHOULD BE SET UP TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SIX-DAY SEMINAR HERE ON DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS MANAGEMENT CONSULTING CAPABILITY FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN ASIA HE SAID THAT SUCH AN ASSOCIATION SHOULD BE INITIATED BY RECOGNISED CONSULTANTS.

THE SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE ASIAN CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (ACDA) IS BEING ATTENDED BY 27 PARTICIPANTS FROM NINE COUNTRIES INCLUDING INDIA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, THAILAND, UNITED KINGDOM AND REPRESENTATIVES OF UNITED NATIONS.

HE ADDED THAT THE ASSOCIATION COULD BENEFIT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN AND UPHOLD THE STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE AS WELL AS THE ETHICS FOR BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND ENTREPRENEURS WHO REQUIRED CONSULTANTS SERVICES.

THIS WOULD ALSO PROMOTE GREATER USE OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO HELP IN STRENGTHENING THE MANAGERIAL CAPABILITY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1228/YF

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES HAD BEEN HAMPERED BY:

+ CONSULTANTS, ESPECIALLY FOREIGN ONES, LACKING KNOWLEDGE OF GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES, INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND DECISION MAKING PROCESSES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND AS A RESULT, THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS WERE NOT ALWAYS IMPLEMENTABLE;

+ CONSULTANCY FEES BEING OFTEN TOO HIGH (THOUGH THIS MIGHT BE A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE);

HESITATION BY MANAGERS OF GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES TO REVEAL DEFECTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTANTS AND THUS THE CORE PROBLEMS WERE NEVER DEALT WITH SUBSTANTIVELY;

PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGERS NOT HAVING ACCESS TO INFORMATION TO HELP THEM IN PROPER SELECTION AND UTILISATION OF CONSULTANTS; AND

MANAGERS BEING OFTEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY REAL PROBLEMS AND NOT AGREEING WITH CONSULTANTS ON VARIOUS PHASES OF CONSULTING ASSIGNMENTS.

HE SAID THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTANTS SHOULD COLLABORATE TO ENSURE SPEEDY AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF TMP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1244/YF

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DR. MAHATHIR FELT THE TIME HAD COME FOR GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL LEVEL TO SUPPLEMENT THE SERVICES OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN CONSULTANTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THERE WAS NEED FOR TALENTED IN-HOUSE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS AND A NEW BREED OF CONSULTANTS WHO WOULD BE CATALYSTIC AND FUTURISTIC IN PERCEPTION AND APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT.

THEY MUST HAVE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO SPEED UP THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND UPGRADE MANAGERIAL PERFORMANCE AT ALL LEVELS.

HE POINTED OUT NO ONE COULD BE AN INSTANT CONSULTANT+ EVEN IF HE HAD CONSIDERABLE MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

EARLIER, THE ACDA DIRECTOR ENCIK B. MAHADEVA SAID THE SEMINAR WAS TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN SUPPLIERS AND USERS OF CONSULTANCY.

IT WOULD DEVELOP METHODOLOGIES FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN EXTERNAL AND IN-HOUSE CONSULTANTS IN THE INTEREST OF FUTURE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. -- BERNAMA 1247/YF