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MAHATHIR-HOTEL 2 'A' 'A'
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KOTA KINABALU, MAY 11 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT'S CALLS FOR GREATER BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY WILL REMAIN MERE CALLS IF THERE IS NO EARNESTNESS AMONG THOSE INVOLVED, SAID DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GUIDELINES CONTAINED UNDER THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY WOULD ALSO REMAIN GUIDELINES UNLESS THERE WAS REALISATION OF THE PROBLEMS OF NATION-BUILDING BY THOSE INVOLVED.

DR. MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE KINABALU INTERNATIONAL HOTEL HERE.

THE 350-ROOM LUXURY HOTEL, BUILT AT A COST OF \$30 MILLION, IS THE BIGGEST INTERNATIONAL HOTEL IN SARAH AND SARAWAK.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID SARAH HAD A LOT OF TOURIST POTENTIAL BUT PROGRESS IN THE FIELD DEPENDED ON THE FACILITIES THAT COULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE TOURISTS.

THE AVAILABILITY OF HOTELS OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD WAS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN ATTRACTING TOURISTS AND HE BELIEVED THAT NEW HOTEL COULD MEET THIS NEED. -- BERNAMA MORE 1708/LK

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MAHATHIR-HOTEL 2 KOTA KINABALU 2 'A' 'A'

HE SAID THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN INCREASING PRODUCTION AND INCOME. AT THE SAME TIME, IT MUST ENSURE THAT THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE WAS BALANCED AND REFLECTED THE RACIAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNTRY.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY THERE WERE POSITIVE INDICATIONS THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAD TAKEN STEPS TOWARDS FILLING THE GOVERNMENTS' SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS.

THE PARTICIPATION AND INCREASING PRODUCTION IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY BY BUMIPUTRAS THAT COULD BE SEEN NOW, REFLECTED THE GRADUALLY CHANGING STRUCTURE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY.

HE REMINDED THAT PROGRESS IN ANY NATION, WHATEVER ITS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FORM, COULD BE ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1711/LK

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MAHATHIR-HOTEL 3 KOTA KINABALU 2 'A' 'A'

THE GOVERNMENT HAD AND WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE A REALISTIC PLAN THAT COULD BE REALISED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AND WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES.

AS SUCH, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALWAYS PROVIDED THE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND INCENTIVE FOR THE PEOPLE TO MAKE THE PLAN A SUCCESS.

DR. MAHATHIR WAS CONFIDENT THE HOTEL WOULD LEAD TO FASTER PROGRESS AS IT PROVIDED EMPLOYMENT AND ENCOURAGED DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM.

HE WAS HAPPY THAT THE HOTEL WAS 100 PER CENT RUN BY MALAYSIANS, OF WHOM 75 PER CENT WERE LOCAL BUMIPUTRAS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1715/LK

MAHATHIR-HOTEL 4 KOTA KINABALU 金'金'金'

ON DEVELOPMENT IN SABAH, DR. MAHATHIR SAID SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN THE STATE.

HE SAID SABAH HAD DYNAMIC PROGRAMMES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD RESTRUCTURE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECTORS.

THIS WAS IMPORTANT AS THE STATE GOVERNMENT MUST USE TO THE MAXIMUM ALL NATURAL RESOURCES AND MANPOWER SO THAT A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING COULD BE ACHIEVED BY THE RURAL PEOPLE.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE GREATER INVESTMENT BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR FROM OVERSEAS WAS ENCOURAGING.

THE INTEREST IN THE STATE SHOWN BY FOREIGN INVESTORS INDICATED THAT THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE HAD IMPROVED.

SABAH WAS RICH IN NATURAL RESOURCES. WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS GOOD PLANNING AND UTILISATION OF THESE RESOURCES, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA 1718/LK

MAHATHIR-HOTEL 5 KOTA KINABALU (REOPENS ITEM N086)

THE HOTEL DIRECTORS BOARD'S CHAIRMAN DATUK YASSIN BIN HAJI HASHIM SAID THE HOTEL WAS TESTIMONY TO THE BUMIPUTRAS DETERMINATION TO ENGAGE IN ANY INDUSTRY BENEFICIAL TO THE NATION.

HE URGED THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY FACILITIES AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO BUMIPUTRAS WHO WISHED TO ENTER COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

HE ADDED THE HOTEL COULD CATER FOR TOURISTS AND CONVENTIONAL EARLIER, DR MAHATHIR WAS ACCORDED A TRADITIONAL WELCOME. BAJAU HORSEMEN, KOMPANG GROUPS AND BUNGA MANGGA BEARING YOUTHS LED THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TO THE HOTEL.

AFTER OPENING THE HOTEL, DR. MAHATHIR WITNESSES A SWIMMING DISPLAY IN THE HOTEL'S SWIMMING POOL CULTURAL SHOWS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD TONIGHT.-- BERNAMA 1833/LK