

MAHATHIR - MANAGERS

EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AT 7.30 P.M. TODAY, JAN. 14

KUALA LUMPUR, JAN 14 (BERNAMA) — THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE TRAINING OF MANAGERS AS IT CONSIDERS MANAGERS AND MANAGEMENT AS ESSENTIAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT.

THE SETTING UP OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, THE NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE AND THE MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BORE TESTIMONY TO THE GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION OF MANAGERS AND MANAGEMENT, HE ADDED.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL ALUMNI CLUB OF MALAYSIA HERE. HE IS PATRON OF THE CLUB.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS HAPPY THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS ALSO CONSCIOUS OF THE ROLE OF MANAGEMENT AND THE TRAINING OF MANAGERS.

+THE MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN TRAINING. I AM SURE THAT THE ALUMNI OF THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL WOULD ALSO BE INVOLVED, IF NOT FORMALLY, AT LEAST INFORMALLY IN THIS ACTIVITY, + HE ADDED. — BERNAMA MORE 1828/YF

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IN ITS EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY AND TO RESTRUCTURE SOCIETY, THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN HINDERED BY THE LACK OF ABLE MANAGERS, ESPECIALLY AMONG BUMIPUTRAS, HE SAID.

THE AVAILABILITY OF OPPORTUNITIES, LICENCES AND CAPITAL WOULD COME TO NOUGHT IF THERE WAS NO MANAGEMENT SKILL AMONG THE BUMIPUTRAS, HE POINTED OUT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR HOPED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE ALUMNI WOULD PROMOTE AND DISSEMINATE MANAGEMENT SKILLS IN WHATEVER WAY POSSIBLE.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF MALAYSIA SINCE INDEPENDENCE HAD ALWAYS BEEN GOOD AND MALAYSIAN CREDIT WORTHINESS HAD NEVER BEEN INTERNATIONALLY QUESTIONED, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS AND MANAGERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR MUST MANAGE WITH EFFICIENCY AND FOR PROFIT, HE ADDED. — BERNAMA MORE 1833/YF

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IN DEPARTMENTS WHERE THE MAIN TASK WAS TO EXPEND MONEY, FAILURE TO MEET TIME SCHEDULES AND THE FREQUENCY COST OVERRUNS MUST REFLECT MANAGEMENT FAILURE AT LEAST TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, HE SAID.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, ENCIK SULAIMAN ABDULLAH, STRESSED THAT THE ALUMNI HOPED TO STIMULATE GREATER AWARENESS AND MORE CONSISTENT EFFORTS TO PREPARE BUSINESS EXECUTIVES TO COPE WITH THE TRANSITION FROM AGRICULTURE TO INDUSTRY AND TRADING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

THE ALUMNI ALSO HOPED TO FOSTER AND DEVELOP BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THOSE MANAGING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HE SAID.

IT WOULD ALSO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES AND WAYS TO INCREASE BUSINESS IN THE ASEAN REGION AND MIGHT EXTEND ITS ACTIVITIES TO AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND EUROPE, HE SAID. — BERNAMA 1838/YF