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KLANG, MAY 14 (BERNAMA)—DATUK SERI DR. (MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) REMAINED MALAYSIANS TODAY THEY WILL COME FACE TO FACE WITH MANY PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES IN THE EFFORT TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING.

BUT NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT THE SITUATION WAS THEY MUST ACT FIRMLY AND HONESTLY, HE SAID.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CITED THE MINING INDUSTRY AS AN ANALOGY WHERE THE ORE HAD TO BE DUG OUT AND PROCESSED AND SOLD BEFORE ANY PROFIT COULD BE MADE.

+IN OTHER WORDS, WEALTH OR SUCCESS WILL NOT COME WITHOUT HARD WORK, + HE SAID WHEN OPENING A CIVICS COURSE FOR 1,200 UMNO MEMBERS FROM THE SHAH ALAM AND PORT KLANG UMNO DIVISIONS, AT THE DEWAN HAMZAH HERE.

ALSO PRESENT WERE COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER TAN SRI V. MANICKAVASAGAM AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY DATUK LEW SIP HON.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID EACH PERSON COULD ENDEAVOUR TO RAISE HIS STANDARD OF LIVING, BUT EACH WOULD CERTAINLY USE DIFFERENT METHODS. —BERNAMA MORE 1657/MD

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HE ALSO WARNED AGAINST ENVYING THOSE WHO HAD ATTAINED A BETTER ECONOMIC STANDING AS THERE WAS STILL TIME AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHERS TO ACHIEVE SIMILAR SUCCESS.

ON BUMIPUTRA POVERTY, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID SOME POLITICAL LEADERS INCLUDING THOSE FROM UMNO SOMETIMES TURNED COURSES INTO FORUMS OR MEETINGS TO PASS RESOLUTIONS.

SUCH LEADERS, HE SAID, WOULD PROBABLY SECURE NOMINATIONS AND WIN ELECTIONS BUT WOULD HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO AFTER THAT.

THE ONE-DAY COURSE WAS ORGANISED BY THE KLANG DISTRICT INFORMATION OFFICE.

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