

KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 15 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CALLED ON GOVERNMENT SERVANTS TO PUT LESS EMPHASIS ON THEIR PAY DIFFERENCES AND CONCENTRATE MORE ON THEIR WORK.

+IT IS A PSYCHOLOGICAL PHENOMENA THAT ONE THINKS OF PAY MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.+

+BUT IF WE KEEP ON THINKING OF THE PAY ALONE, WE CAN WORK OURSELVES TO NEAR MADNESS BECAUSE THE MORE WE THINK ABOUT IT THE MORE UNJUST WE FEEL THE PAY IS,+ HE SAID.

+WE THEREFORE CANNOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO THINK ABOUT THIS. WE HAVE A JOB TO DO AND MUST DO IT WELL.+

+WE SHOULD WORK NOT ONLY FOR THE PAY BUT FOR THE LOVE OF THE COUNTRY.+

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING AT THE END OF A BRIEFING AT THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT. HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS BY THE PSD'S DIRECTOR-GENERAL, TAN SRI AZIZ ZAKARIA.

HE HOPED THE PSD WOULD DEVELOP A CORE OF DEDICATED OFFICERS WHO WOULD INSPIRE OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICERS TO LEAD THE COUNTRY TO FURTHER SUCCESS. — MORE 1430/RH

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+THESE OFFICERS SHOULD ASK THEMSELVES WHAT THEY CAN OFFER THE COUNTRY RATHER THAN WHAT THE COUNTRY CAN OFFER THEM,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE MALAYSIAN PEOPLE AT LARGE SHOULD LEARN FROM THE WESTERN COUNTRIES ABOUT HOW BEST THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRY.

+BUT THE TROUBLE WITH OUR PEOPLE IS THAT THEY LEARN THE VICES RATHER THAN THE VIRTUES OF THE WEST.+

+ONE OF THE VICES THEY HAVE LEARNT IS NOT TO WORK AS HARD AS THEY SHOULD,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID COUNTRIES LIKE KOREA AND JAPAN WERE IN THE FOREFRONT IN THE WORLD TODAY BECAUSE OF THE DEDICATION AND THE HARD WORK OF THEIR PEOPLE.

+WE CAN SURELY BUILD OUR OWN COUNTRY LIKE THEM PROVIDED OUR PEOPLE ARE ALSO DEDICATED AND HARDWORKING.+

ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE, HE SAID NOW THAT THE PSD HAD +PUT ITS HOUSE IN ORDER+ HE HOPED IT WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A MORE DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP IN BUILDING UP A PROSPEROUS NATION.

HE FELT THAT THE PSD SHOULD BECOME A NERVE CENTRE FOR DEDICATED OFFICERS WHO WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATION'S WELFARE. — MORE 1434/RH

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EARLIER, IN HIS BRIEFING TAN SRI ABDUL AZIZ, SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S PERSONNEL RECORD CENTRE HAD COMPLETED ITS TASK OF COMPUTERISING THE RECORDS OF 392,000 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.

DATA FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICERS IN SABAH AND SARAWAK WERE STILL BEING COLLECTED.

TAN SRI AZIZ SAID WITH THE COMPUTERISATION IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO GET ALMOST INSTANT DATA ON THE VARIOUS POSTS AND PERSONAL DETAILS OF ALL OFFICERS.

583 :9.07534' 297LD ALSO HELP THE PSD IN OBTAINING DATA ON THE VARIOUS SCHEMES OF SERVICE AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICERS ACCORDING TO THEIR AGE, SEX, RACE AND QUALIFICATIONS. — BERNAMA 1437/RH