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\* PETALING JAYA, JULY 27 (BERNAMA)—DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY ADVISED PUBLIC SECTOR ADMINISTRATORS TO BE CAREFUL IN UTILISING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND CONCEPTS GENERALLY USED INTERNATIONALLY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THEY SHOULD MAINTAIN THE NATIONAL IDENTITY AND CULTURE BESIDES STRIVING FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

HIS SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR ON INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, HERE WAS READ BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, DATUK LEW SIP HON.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIAN PUBLIC SECTOR ADMINISTRATORS HAD BEEN ABLE TO PLAY THEIR ROLE EFFECTIVELY THROUGH A WELL-ORGANISED PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION STRUCTURE.

MALAYSIA SHOULD TAKE PRIDE BECAUSE IT HAD THE RESOURCES TO ANALYSE AND SELECT THE TECHNOLOGY ADAPTABLE FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID. —BERNAMA MORE 1948/AH

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+BUT, WE MUST NOT BE SATISFIED BECAUSE THE RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE US ARE HEAVY AND FULL OF CHALLENGES WHICH REQUIRE TO BE CARRIED OUT WITH PATIENCE AND HARD WORK, + HE SAID.

LAST YEAR, 50 COMPUTERS WERE USED IN THE COUNTRY, 36 OF WHICH WERE IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND GOVERNMENT-AIDED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE TIME MIGHT HAVE COME FOR PUBLIC SECTOR ADMINISTRATORS TO LOOK BACK ON THE EFFECTS OF GROWTH IN TECHNOLOGY ON NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE.

HE SAID IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS TO DISCUSS THOROUGHLY THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ESTABLISHED CLOSE RELATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND HOPED THAT THE SEMINAR WOULD HELP TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE. —BERNAMA 1957/A