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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 19 (BERNAMA)—DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED TOLD THE DEWAN RAKYAT TODAY THAT A NUMBER OF SUCCESSES HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN EFFORTS TO RAISE THE ECONOMIC STANDARD OF BUMIPUTRAS SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY.

FOR EXAMPLE, BUMIPUTRA EQUITY PARTICIPATION IN LIMITED COMPANIES INCREASED FROM \$76.896 MILLION IN 1970 TO \$298.292 MILLION IN 1974.

REPLYING TO ENCIK CHAN TECH CHAN (DAP-KOTA MELAKA), BUMIPUTRA INDIVIDUALS AND TRUS AGENCIES OWNED ABOUT 8.01 PERCENT OR \$870.621 MILLION OF THE \$11,231.753 MILLION OF THE TOTAL EQUITY OF LIMITED COMPANIES IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.

IN THE BUSINESS SECTOR, BUMIPUTRAS ACCOUNTED FOR 33,469 OR 30.9 PERCENT OF BUSINESS LICENCE HOLDERS. —BERNAMA MORE

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ON ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMMES, HE SAID THE PROGRAMMES INVOLVED ALL COMMUNITIES.

THE PERCENTAGE OF THE POVERTY GROUP WHICH WAS 49 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IN 1970 WAS EXPECTED TO BE REDUCED TO 34 PERCENT IN 1980 AND 17 PERCENT IN 1990.

A REVIEW SHOWED THAT THE PERCENTAGE WAS 38 PERCENT IN 1977.

THIS WAS A GOOD SIGN, PROVING THAT EFFORTS TO RAISE THE ECONOMIC STANDARD OF THE PEOPLE HAD MADE HEADWAY, HE ADDED.

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