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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 4 (BERNAMA) — THE NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE WILL BE ASKED TO PLAY A BIGGER ROLE IN THE CREATION OF A BIGGER POOL OF BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI (DR.) MAHATHIR MOHAMMAD, SAID TODAY.

HE TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER A BRIEFING AT THE CENTRE THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT THE ATTITUDE OF BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN HAD TO BE CHANGED TO ENSURE THAT THEY WOULD SUCCEED IN BUSINESS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, FELT THE CENTRE COULD PLAY A MORE EFFECTIVE ROLE IN ENSURING THAT BUMIPUTRAS WHO VENTURED INTO BUSINESS HAD THE RIGHT MOTIVATION AND WERE GIVEN THE PROPER TRAINING AND INSIGHT INTO THE RIGHT TYPES OF BUSINESS FOR WHICH THEY WERE SUITED.

IT WAS ALSO ESSENTIAL THAT THE RIGHT PEOPLE WERE TRAINED FOR BUSINESS VENTURES AND GUIDED INTO VARIOUS TYPES OF BUSINESS RATHER THAN STICKING TO A FEW.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE ATTITUDE OF SOME BUMIPUTRAS WHO VENTURED INTO BUSINESS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY FELT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PROVIDING THEM WITH FACILITIES TO GO INTO BUSINESS. — BERNAMA MORE 1703/YF

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HE STRESSED THAT WHILE IT WAS THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT MORE BUMIPUTRAS ENTER INTO BUSINESS, IT WAS ALSO DETERMINED TO SEE THAT THOSE WHO ENTER INTO THE INDUSTRY WERE SUCCESSFUL.

BUMIPUTRAS WHO WISH TO GO INTO BUSINESS SHOULD NOT THINK THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DOLEING OUT MONEY IN THE FORM OF LOANS. THERE IS A LIMIT TO WHAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD GIVE, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAD SUFFICIENT CAPITAL, THE RIGHT MOTIVATION AND THE WILL TO WORK HARD AND SUCCEED.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, IT WAS POINTLESS FOR A BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMAN WHO HAD A CAPITAL OF \$1,000 TO GO INTO A BUSINESS OF \$10,000 AND LATER APPLY FOR A LOAN OF ANOTHER \$50,000 FOR ENTERING INTO ANY TYPE OF BUSINESS WHEN HE KNEW HE COULD NOT REPAY THE LOANS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO VENTURED INTO BUSINESS AND WHO APPLIED FOR LOANS HAD THE CAPACITY TO GET RETURNS AND ALSO BE ABLE TO REPAY THEIR LOANS.

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE, DATUK ABU KASSIM BIN HAJI MOHAMED, SAID ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE WERE CONCENTRATED ON BUMIPUTRA ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME. — BERNAMA 1713/YF