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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 5 (BERNAMA) — HAWKERS AND PETTY TRADERS WERE TOLD TODAY THAT BY STARTING SMALL THEY WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT THE INTRICACIES OF BUSINESS AND THIS WILL HELP THEM WHEN THEY GO INTO BIGGER VENTURES.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THAT NOT EVERYONE WAS BORN WITH NATURAL BUSINESS ACUMEN.

MANY BUMIPUTRA TRADERS HAD FAILED BECAUSE THEY TRIED +TO RUN BEFORE THEY COULD WALK+, HE SAID IN A SPEECH READ BY THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTRY, ENCIK ABU HASSAN HAJI OMAR, AT THE FEDERATION OF MALAY HAWKERS AND PETTY TRADERS ASSOCIATIONS GENERAL MEETING HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT, REALISING THE IMPORTANCE OF PETTY TRADERS, HAD ALLOCATED \$30 MILLION FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN. — BERNAMA MORE 1933/YF

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HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE THAT POLICIES CONCERNING BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MUST BE REVIEWED FROM TIME TO TIME TO ENSURE THAT BUMIPUTRA INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS WAS NOT IMPEDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER, URGED ESTABLISHED BUSINESSMEN TO GUIDE THOSE NEW IN THE FIELD.

HE CALLED ON TRADING ASSOCIATIONS TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN HELPING TRADERS WITH PROBLEMS.

THE MAIN PROBLEMS FACING THE 25,000-ODD PETTY TRADERS WERE OBTAINING SUPPLIES, CHOICE OF BUSINESS AND SITE AND CREDIT.

HE WAS GLAD TO NOTE THAT FINANCE WAS NOT A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH MOST PETTY TRADERS. — BERNAMA MORE 1936/YF

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THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION, ENCIK AHMAD KHAIRATI IBRAHIM, EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO HAWKERS THROUGH ITS OFFICERS.

SOME OF THESE OFFICERS DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF HAWKERS AND AS SUCH CONFLICTS FREQUENTLY AROSE BETWEEN THE TWO. — BERNAMA 1937/YF