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ALOR STAR, MARCH 25 (BERNAMA) — THE SUCCESS OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY WILL HELP ELIMINATE SUSPICIONS ONE COMMUNITY HAS FOR ANOTHER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

IT WOULD ALSO HELP INTENSIFY ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENSURE POLITICAL STABILITY, HE SAID WHEN LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE KUBANG PASU UMNO DIVISION BUILDING IN JITRA, 12 MILES FROM HERE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT PAID ATTENTION TO ALL COMMUNITIES UNDER THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY SO THAT THEY WOULD ENJOY BALANCED DEVELOPMENT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE KUBANG PASU UMNO DIVISION HEAD, SAID THOSE WHO WERE LAGGING NEEDED MORE HELP THAN THOSE WHO HAD PROGRESSED.

+THIS IS WHY THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONCENTRATING MORE ON BUMIPUTRAS, BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT NON-BUMIPUTRAS WILL BE NEGLECTED,+ HE SAID. — BERNAMA MORE 1630/SZ

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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ADVISED THOSE WHO HAD SEEN PROGRESS IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY TO GUIDE OTHERS WHO HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND.

IT WAS TRUE THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD PROVIDE TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE TO BUMIPUTRA BUT GUIDANCE FROM THOSE WHO HAD PROGRESSED WAS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT, HE SAID.

+CHINESE BUSINESSMEN SHOULD HELP BUMIPUTRAS ENTER BUSINESS MORE EFFECTIVELY,+ HE SAID.

BUMIPUTRAS MUST STUDY THE TACTICS AND METHODS OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FROM NON-BUMIPUTRAS OR SET UP FIRMS ON JOINT-VENTURE BASIS WITH THEM, HE ADDED.

HOWEVER, THE BUMIPUTRAS MUST WORK IN THE FIRMS AND LEARN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND NOT MERELY COLLECT THEIR SHARE OF THE PROFITS.

A WORST PRACTICE RESORTED TO BY A FEW BUMIPUTRAS WAS TO SELL THEIR BUSINESS LICENCES TO OTHERS.

THIS PRACTICE HAD TO BE STOPPED BECAUSE IT COULD HINDER ACHIEVEMENT OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY OBJECTIVES, HE SAID.

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