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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 13 ((BERNAMA)) — THE GOVERNMENT TAKES A SERIOUS VIEW OF ITS OFFICERS WHO LIVE BEYOND THEIR MEANS, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY.

ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THOSE INVOLVED IN CORRUPTION REGARDLESS OF THEIR POSITION, HE SAID WHEN ADDRESSING MEMBERS OF THE INDONESIAN YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ASSOCIATION (HIMPI) AT A LUNCHEON AT HIS RESIDENCE HERE TODAY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT CORRUPTION WAS OF TWO TYPES, ONE THAT WAS ABOVE THE TABLE AND THE OTHER UNDER THE TABLE.

HE SAID THAT UNDER-THE-TABLE TYPE OF CORRUPTION WAS EASIER TO CHECK BECAUSE THIS SITUATION SHOWED THAT THOSE INVOLVED REALISED THAT CORRUPTION WAS AN OFFENCE AND AS SUCH DID NOT DARE TO GIVE OR ACCEPT BRIBES OPENLY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ABOVE THE TABLE TYPE SHOWED THAT OFFICERS INVOLVED CONSIDERED THE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES AS AN ACCEPTED WAY OF LIFE AND SUCH CORRUPTION WAS MORE DIFFICULT TO CHECK, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS SHOULD BE DISCIPLINED AND DEDICATED.

ABOUT 80 MEMBERS OF THE HIMPI ATTENDED THE LUNCHEON. —BERNAMA
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