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BANGI, JUNE 15 (BERNAMA)—MANY OFFICERS WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS AGENCIES SUFFER FROM THE +NEGATIVE ATTITUDE+ SYNDROME AND FORECAST THAT PLANS OR SCHEMES WPLL FAIL EVEN BEFORE THEY HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTED, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

SUCH AN ATTITUDE SHOULD BE DISCARDED TOTALLY, HE ADDED. AND IF INSTRUCTED TO CARRY OUT A DIRECTIVE, SUCH OFFICERS WOULD TRY TO MAKE THE IT FAIL IN ORDER TO FULFILL THEIR PREDICTIONS, HE SAID WHEN HE OPENED A SYMPOSIUM ON NATIONAL MOTIVATION AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT HERE.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT SUCH AN ATTITUDE SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH A POSITIVE ONE WHERE OFFICERS WERE WILLING TO CARRY OUT ANY DIRECTIVE THAT THEY WERE GIVEN.

THOSE WHO HAD THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE WOULD FIND WAYS TO SUCCESSFULLY CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT EASILY DAUNTED AND WORKED WITHOUT CONSIDERATION TO THE REWARDS GIVEN.  
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THIS MEANT THAT THEY WORKED FOR THEIR BELIEF AND NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE SLAVES TO THE REWARDS THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED, HE ADDED.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID SUCH AN ATTITUDE NURTURED GOOD VALUES OF LIFE THAT WERE POSSESSED BY PEOPLE WHO WERE SUCCESSFUL AND RESPECTED IN THE WORLD.

THE BIG CHALLENGE FACED BY A DEVELOPING COUNTRY SUCH AS MALAYSIA WAS HOW TO MAKE THE PEOPLE REALISE THIS FACT.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT THE RICH NATURAL RESOURCES THAT DECIDED A GOOD LIFE BUT RATHER THE DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE, HE SAID.

HE CITED THE EXAMPLE OF JAPAN WHICH EVEN THOUGH NOT POSSESSING NATURAL RESOURCES HAD BECOME WEALTHY BECAUSE ITS PEOPLE WERE DISCIPLINED, USED THEIR BRAINS AND KEPT UP WITH THE TIMES.

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT THE PROBLEM OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING OF EMPLOYEES OF AN ORGANISATION WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE IN THE CONTEXT OF A DEVELOPING COUNTRY.

THE FUTURE PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING OF THE COUNTRY DEPENDED ON ITS ABILITY TO CREATE TRAINED, PRODUCTIVE AND MOTIVATED MANPOWER.

INCOME SHOULD NOT BE THE SOLE OBJECTIVE FOR WORKING BECAUSE IF THE PEOPLE WERE MOTIVATED BY THIS FACTOR, THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY SERVICE.

MAN SHOULD A WORK BECAUSE OF SELF-RESPECT, AND PRIDE IN HIS ACHIEVEMENT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADDED.

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