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IPOH, JULY 1 (BERNAMA) — ANY FORM OF +ALI BABA+ BUSINESS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT SINCERELY WITH BOTH PARTIES TO IT PROVIDING THE CAPITAL AND CO-OPERATION REQUIRED IN ALL ASPECTS, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT PROHIBIT SUCH BUSINESS SO LONG AS THE BUMIPUTRA PARTNERS OBTAINED THE KNOWLEDGE THEY REQUIRED IN BUSINESS.

+IT IS NOT WRONG FOR BUMIPUTRAS TO WORK WITH CHINESE, INDIANS OR OTHER COMMUNITIES,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PERAK BRANCH OF THE MALAYSIAN MALAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, HERE.

+WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT THEY SHOULD ALSO PROVE THE CAPITAL AND WORK WITH THE OTHER COMMUNITIES IN BUSINESS,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, SAID THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT NAMES OF BUMIPUTRAS TO BE MISUED FOR PROFIT-MAKING AS SUCH PRACTICE WOULD FOIL EFFORTS TO REALIZE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY. — BERNAMA MORE 1810/1B

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HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY WOULD BE ACHIEVED WITH CO-OPERATION FROM ALL QUARTERS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE +ALI BABA+ CONCEPT OF BUSINESS SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD WELL BY ALL BECAUSE +THERE ARE BOTH GOOD AND BAD ALI BABAS (OR ALIS AND BABAS).+

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER REMINDED BUMIPUTRAS THAT BUSINESS WAS A FIELD THAT HAD MANY OBSTACLES AND WAS NOT AS EASY AS CONTAINED IN WORKING PAPERS. THEY SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN BUSINESS JUST BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT ASKED THEM TO.

WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE GOVERNMENT WAS THE SUCCESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AND THE SUCCESS OF MANY INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTED THE SUCCESS OF THE COUNTRY, HE SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THAT BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN HAD TO LEARN NOT ONLY FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES BUT ALSO FROM THEIR OWN COMMUNITY. — BERNAMA MORE 1813/1B

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ON A.P. (APPROVED PERMIT TO IMPORT), DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID PRIORITY WAS GIVEN TO COMPANIES THAT HAD LARGE

PAID-UP CAPITAL.  
HE SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN WOULD STRIVE TO ATTRACT RICH CUSTOMERS AND ALSO NON-BUMIPUTRA CLIENTS.

THERE WERE COMPANIES WHOLLY OWNED BY NON-BUMIPUTRAS HAVING MALAY NAMES. +THIS IS TO ATTRACT BUMIPUTRA CUSTOMERS.+

PERAK STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER HAJI AHMAD AZIZUDDIN BIN HAJI ZAINAL ABIDIN, DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE MALAYSIAN MALAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, SENATOR DATUK SULAIMAN NINAM SHAH AND THE MENTERI BESAR'S REPRESENTATIVE, STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR ENCIK ABDUL MALIK AHMAD, WERE PRESENT. — BERNAMA MORE 1816/1B

IN HIS SPEECH, THE CHAMBER'S PRESIDENT, HAJI MOHAMED TAIB HAJI ABDUL HAMID, APPEALED TO THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR SEVERAL AREAS IN PERAK, ESPECIALLY THE LOCATIONAL TAX INCENTIVE.

HE SAID THAT THOUGH PERAK WAS CONSIDERED A RICH STATE, ITS WEALTH WAS NOT EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

+IN THE OCEAN OF WEALTH THERE ARE ISLANDS OF POVERTY AND THEY ARE MORE BACKWARD THAN AREAS IN KEDAH, KELANTAN, TRENGGANU AND OTHER STATES CONSIDERED LESS DEVELOPED,+ HE SAID.

HAJI TAIB ALSO URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE AIR COMMUNICATION NETWORK TO THE STATE AS IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR BUSINESS.

HE ADDED THAT PERAK NEED A HARBOUR TO ENSURE ITS DEVELOPMENT. — BERNAMA 1822/1B