

SIRIM

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SHAH ALAM, JULY 10 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS CALLED ON SIRIM (STANDARDS AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF MALAYSIA) TO HELP DESIGN PRODUCTS MORE SUITABLE FOR LOCAL CONDITIONS AND CLIMATE.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT MOST OF THE PRODUCTS THAT COME FROM THE HIGHLY TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES WERE DESIGNED AND BUILT FOR THE TEMPERATE CLIMATE AND THE CONDITIONS THAT EXISTED THERE.

HE TOLD SIRIM'S SENIOR OFFICERS AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON THE INSTITUTE'S ACTIVITIES THAT THESE PRODUCTS WERE NOT DESIGNED FOR SUITABLE USE IN THE TROPICAL CLIMATE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT +WE NORMALLY HAD TO DEPEND ON STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT+ OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

HE CITED MOTOR CARS IMPORTED INTO THIS COUNTRY AS AN EXAMPLE OF A PRODUCT DESIGNED FOR SUITABLE USE MAINLY IN THE TEMPERATE COUNTRIES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1534/LK
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HE SAID: +WE SHOULD NEVER ACCEPT WHAT COMES FROM THE WEST AND THE TEMPERATE CLIMATE AS PERFECT.+

HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR SIRIM TO CARRY OUT RESEARCH WORK ON PRODUCING PRODUCTS SUITABLE FOR LOCAL NEEDS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SUGGESTED THAT SIRIM CARRY OUT RESEARCH IN IMPROVING THE TECHNIQUES OF PRODUCING BATIK AND SILVER AND BRASS WARES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE MASS CONSUMER MARKET.

HE ADDED THAT SOME SYSTEM OF MASS PRODUCTION HAD TO BE WORKED OUT IF MALAYSIA WAS TO BE ABLE TO MEET LARGE ORDERS FOR THE PRODUCTS FROM OVERSEAS.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ALSO TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER, TOLD THE SIRIM OFFICERS THAT SIRIM HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF PRODUCTS PRODUCED IN THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID SIRIM SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE CONTINUALLY IMPROVED INTERMS OF QUALITY, PRODUCTION AND TESTING.

— BERNAMA MORE 1537/LK

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTER TAN SRI ONG KEE HUI SAID THE MAIN TASKS OF SIRIM WERE TO CREATE MALAYSIAN STANDARDS AND ENCOURAGE THEIR USAGE AND CARRY OUT INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH.

HE SAID SIRIM WAS STILL IN ITS EXPANDING STAGE AND IN THE PROCESS OF EXPANSION IT WAS NOT DEVOID OF PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES.

SIRIM'S CONTROLLER, ENCIK ABDULLAH MOHAMED YUSOF, IN HIS BRIEFING SAID TWO NEW PROJECTS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY SIRIM UNDER THE FOURTH MALAYSIA PLAN.

THEY WERE THE SETTING UP OF A PLASTIC TECHNOLOGY CENTRE ESTIMATED TO COST \$6 MILLION TO HELP UPGRADE THE LOCAL PLASTIC INDUSTRY AND THE SETTING UP OF A FOUNDRY TECHNOLOGY CENTRE TO HELP MODERNISE THE INDUSTRY.

HE SAID THE FOUNDRY TECHNOLOGY CENTRE HAD BEEN SUGGESTED TO BE BUILT IN IPOH, WHERE THERE WERE MANY FOUNDRIES.

ENCIK ABDULLAH SAID SIRIM WOULD ALSO BUILD A FOUR-STORY BUILDING THAT WOULD HAVE FACILITIES FOR TESTING UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN. — BERNAMA MORE 1655/SZ

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HE SAID SIRIM WAS ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THREE PROJECTS UNDER THE ASEAN/AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROGRAMME. THEY WERE THE DRYING OF PALM OIL SLUGED FOR UTILIZATION AS ANIMAL FEEDSTUFF USING SOLAR ENERGY, PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOL FROM PALM OIL SLUGED AND OTHER FOOD WASTE MATERIALS AND UTILIZATION OF BIOGAS AND SOLAR ENERGY FOR THE TREATMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TAPIOCA WASTE.

ENCIK ABDULLAH ALSO DISCLOSED THAT ABOUT 1,000 STANDARDS HAD BEEN ISSUED BY SIRIM, OF WHICH 350 HAD BEEN ACCEPTED AS MALAYSIAN STANDARDS.

HE SAID ANOTHER 88 STANDARDS WERE BEING PREPARED. — BERNAMA 1700,