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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 30 (BERNAMA)—DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR THE PEOPLE TO INCUCCATE NEW VALUES, ATTITUDES AND SPIRIT TO COMPLEMENT THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY.

+THE QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN ALMOST FORGOTTEN, IF NOT IGNORED.

+THIS IS GOING TO BE AN INCREASINGLY BIG DRAWBACK ON OUR MODERNISING EFFORT AS WE PREPARE TO MOVE INTO THE EIGHTIES,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THOUGH THE FRUITS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE AVAILABE FOR ALL, MALAYSIAN WOULD NOT BE BETTER OFF IF THEY FAILED TO INCULCATE THOSE VALUES WHICH WOULD GIVE MEANING AND CONTENT TO THEIR EXISTENCE AND PROVIDE MORAL BALLAST FOR THE GROWTH AND SUSTENANCE OF WHATEVER MATERIAL REWARDS THEY HAD ACHIEVED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING AT THE INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL NIGHT ORGANISED BY THE MCA IN AID OF THE WISMA MCA BUILDING PROJECT AT AN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL HERE.

HE SAID THE SIGNS A GROWING DISTASTE FOR HARD WORK, A LACK OF CONCERN FOR EXCELLENCE IN WHATEVER WE DO, INADEQUATE REWARDS FOR THE MERITORIOUS AND THE COMPETENT, GROWING TOLERATION OF CORRUPTION, LACK OF PRIDE IN ONE'S WORK, TENDENCY TO IMITATE INSTEAD OF TO CREATE, GROWING DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE IDEALS OF PUBLIC SERVICE, LACK OF CONCERN FOR PUBLIC WELFARE AND THE EROSION OF CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS— WERE THERE FOR ALL TO SEE.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR BLAMED THIS PROBLEM +ON THE LACK OF MORAL FIBRE IN OUR PEOPLE.+

HE SAID LEADERS OF SOCIETY — IN BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SERVICE IN THE PROFESSIONS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS — ALL HAD A DUTY TO RECOGNISE THE PROBLEM AND PLAY THEIR PART IN COMBATING IT.

HE ADDED: +EVEN AS WE RUSH HEADLONG FROM NATIONAL PLAN TO ANOTHER, WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE A GENERATION OF MALAYSIANS GROW UP WHERE RIGHTS AND DUTIES TAKE ON DISTORTED MEANINGS FOR THEM, WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL FEELS THAT SOCIETY OWES HIM A LIVING.

+ON THE CONTRARY, THE NEW MALAYSIAN MUST BE MINDFUL OF HIS DUTIES TO SOCIETY, MUST BE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO IT AND MUST OPPOSE THOSE WHO SEEK TO DESTROY IT.

+WE MUST VALUE THOSE WHO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE, REWARD THE COMPETENT AND WELCOME PROBLEM-SOLVERS AND DISCOURAGE INDOLENCE AND OPPOSE CORRUPTION.+

EVERYWHERE THERE MUST BE A GREATER COMMITMENT TO THIS NEW WORK ETHIC AND A MORE RATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO PROBLEMS, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID.

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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY WAS HERE TO STAY.

+IT IS NOT A POLICY FAVOURING ANY PARTICULAR GROUP.

IT IS A POLICY FOR OUR COUNTRY, MALAYSIA.+

+IT IS A POLICY TO BRING ABOUT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE. JUSTICE DOES NOT JUST HAPPEN,+ HE ADDED.

IT HAD TO BE WORKED AT AND IT HAD TO BE PAID FOR BUT IN THE LONG RUN THE RETURNS WERE WORTHWHILE.

HE SAID TO APPRECIATE THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY, ONE HAD TO HAVE A SET OF MORAL VALUES WHICH WENT BEYOND MERE MATERIAL GAIN.

+LET THIS BE REMEMBERED FOR, ONLY THEN WILL THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY USHER IN THE MODERN AND STABLE NATION THAT WE ASPIRE FOR,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE SOUL AND GIVE PURPOSE AND MEANING TO THE MATERIAL PROGRESS WHICH WAS BEING ATTAINED WAS NEEDED TO ACCOMPANY THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE NATION. -BERNAMA MORE 2349/AH

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EARLIER, WORKS AND UTILITIES MINISTER DATUK LEE SAN CHOON REMINDED ALL MALAYSIANS NOT TO TAKE FOR GRANTED THE +VAST RESERVOIR+ OF GOODWILL AMONG PEOPLE OF ALL RACES IN THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THE SPIRIT OF GOODWILL AMONG FELLOW MALAYSIANS MUST BE CONSTANTLY NURTURED AND IMPROVED TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE AND SECURITY FOR TOMORROW.

+GOODWILL LIKE LOVE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN CAN BLOW HOT AND COLD AND EVENTUALLY DIMINISH AND WITHER AWAY, UNLESS IT IS CONSTANTLY WOODED AND REKINDLED.+ HE ADDED.

DATUK LEE, WHO IS THE MCA NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND PATRON OF TONIGHT'S FUNCTION, CALLED ON ALL LEADERS BE THEY COMMUNITY, RELIGIOUS OR BUSINESS LEADERS TO KEEP THE FLAME OF GOODWILL AGLOW.

HE STRESSED THAT LEADERS COLLECTIVELY REPRESENTED THE MOST POWERFUL AND INFLUENTIAL INSTRUMENT OF PEACE AND GOODWILL.

HOWEVER, HE REGRETTED THAT THERE WERE SOME LEADERS WHO MADE STATEMENTS TOUCHING ON THE SENSITIVITIES OF THE PEOPLE.
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+SUCH STATEMENTS NO DOUBT, APPEAL TO CERTAIN SECTIONS, BUT THE IMPACT AND RESULT ON THE WHOLE COUNTRY CAN BE DISASTROUS,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK LEE STRESSED THAT THE COUNTRY HAD TAKEN GENERATIONS TO BUILD GOODWILL AMONGST THE PEOPLE WHILE A SINGLE ACT OR STATEMENT COULD WITTINGLY OR UNWITTINGLY DESTROY THAT GOODWILL.

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