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PORT DICKSON, NOV. 29<sup>20</sup> (BERNAMA) — (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) URGED THE PEOPLE TODAY TO DEVELOP THE VIRTUES OF DILIGENCE AND DISCIPLINE TO ENSURE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN ALL SOCIO-ECONOMIC FIELDS.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE EXAMPLES SHOWN BY THE PEOPLE OF TWO ASIAN COUNTRIES, SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN, SHOULD BE EMULATED BECAUSE THROUGH THE PRACTICE OF THESE TWO VIRTUES RAPID DEVELOPMENT HAD RESULTED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, LAZINESS AMONG THE PEOPLE WOULD ONLY WEAKEN THE COUNTRY, LIKE THE CASE OF A EUROPEAN COUNTRY WHICH WAS ONCE A WORLD POWER.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, WAS OPENING A SEMINAR ON COMMON VALUES ORGANISED BY THE INFORMATION MINISTRY AT TELOK KEMANG NEAR HERE.

HE REGRETTED THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN PEOPLE WHO ACCEPTED LAZINESS AS A VIRTUE AND DID NOT AGREE THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE EXCESSIVELY DILIGENT LIKE ROBOTS.

HE SAID SUCH AN ATTITUDE WOULD ONLY BRING THEM TO A STAGE WHICH COULD CAUSE THE DOWNFALL OF THE COUNTRY LIKE THE CASE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRY CONCERNED. — BERNAMA MORE 1455/ZCM

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HE SAID ALL THE PEOPLE, FROM THE THREE MAIN COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY, SHOULD FIND COMMON VALUES SO THAT TRUE SOLIDARITY COULD BE CREATED.

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMON VALUES AMONG THE COMMUNITIES WERE NOT BASED ON WORDS BUT WHAT WAS PRACTICED TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE OF UNITY, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR HOPED THAT THE SEMINAR WOULD FIND COMMON VALUES AMONG THE THREE COMMUNITIES TO GUIDE THEM IN THEIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS NATION BUILDING.

HE ADVISED THE PARTICIPANTS TO REFRAIN FROM CRITICISING BUT INSTEAD TO FIND COMMON VALUES WHICH COULD HELP TO IMPROVE SOCIETY.

DEPUTY INFORMATION MINISTER DR. LING LIONG SIK SAID A TASK FORCE ON COMMON VALUES HAD BEEN SET UP IN HIS MINISTRY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON TRADITIONS AND COMMON VALUES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CULTURES OF THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY.

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FROM THEIR PRELIMINARY WORK, THE GROUP BELIEVED THAT THE PEOPLE WERE MOVING TOWARDS UNITY BECAUSE THEY SHARED COMMON VIEWS AND ATTITUDES.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD SEEK THE COMMON VALUES IN ALL THE CULTURES AND TRADITIONS AND USE THEM AS THE FOUNDATION FOR A UNITED MALAYSIAN SOCIETY.

THREE WORKING PAPERS ON VALUES IN MALAY, CHINESE AND INDIAN CULTURES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE THREE-DAY SEMINAR TO BE CLOSED BY INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT ON MONDAY. — BERNAMA

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