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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 25⁸¹ (BERNAMA) — THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (UDA) WILL GIVE PRIORITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF 14 TOWNS UNDER THE FOURTH MALAYSIA PLAN, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID TONIGHT.

THE TOWNS ARE ALOR STAR, BUTTERWORTH, MALACCA, PENANG, IPOH, JOHORE BAHRU, KLANG, KUANTAN, KUALA LUMPUR, KOTA BAHARU, PETALING JAYA, SEREMBAN, SHAH ALAM AND TANJUNG TOKONG.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE TOWNS WERE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR RACIAL COMPOSITION, INCOME, AND THE PEOPLE'S PURCHASING CAPACITY.

UNDER THE PLAN PERIOD UDA WOULD ONLY CONCENTRATE ON SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE THAT ITS PROJECTS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED MORE EFFECTIVELY, HE SAID AT UDA'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR REMINDED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE AT STATE LEVEL, TO GIVE THEIR FULLEST COOPERATION TO UDA SO THAT THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS COULD BE CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY. — BERNAMA MORE 150/1B

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THE GOVERNMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, VIEWED WITH CONCERN OFFICIALS WHO WOULD ATTACH IMPORTANCE ON THEIR AGENCIES AT THE EXPANSE OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY.

THEY SHOULD NOT REFUSE TO COOPERATE OR ACT IN A MANNER THAT WOULD DISRUPT COORDINATION AS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WERE MERE INSTRUMENTS IN ACHIEVING NATIONAL OBJECTIVES, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR URGED PUBLIC CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING UDA, TO UTILISE PRODUCTIVELY AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO ENSURE PROFITABILITY.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, HE ADDED, EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT WAS NECESSARY.

+THIS SHOULD BE THE GUIDELINE AND REFUSING TO HELP UPGRADE PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT WILL NOT HAVE A PLACE IN THIS SECTOR.

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EARLIER, PUBLIC ENTREPRISES MINISTER DATIN PADUKA RAFIDAH AZIZ SAID THAT UDA HAD BEEN ALLOCATED \$568.8 MILLION UNDER THE FOURTH MALAYSIA PLAN FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

SHE SAID AUTHORITY'S MAIN OBJECTIVE, IN ITS EFFORTS TO REBUILD TOWNS AND DEVELOPING NEW ONES, WAS TO RESTRUCTURE THEIR POPULATION COMPOSITION TO REFLECT THE TRUE MULTI-RACIAL IMAGE OF THE COUNTRY.

DATIN PADUKA RAFIDAH ADDED THAT UDA HAD ALSO SET UP A CONSULTATION SERVICE AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT TO HELP BUMIPUTRAS DEVELOP THEIR LAND. — BERNAMA 2155/1B