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MAHATHIR - POLICY
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PORT DICKSON, DEC 3 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) TONIGHT ANNOUNCED A NEW POLICY TO HELP BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN PARTICULARLY MEMBERS OF THE MALAYSIAN MALAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN AVAILING THEMSELVES TO THE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID UNDER THE POLICY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LAY GREATER EMPHASIS ON BUSINESSMEN WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER IN PROCESSING APPLICATIONS.

HE SAID IN CARRYING OUT THE NEW POLICY, GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WOULD BE DIRECTED TO SCRUTINIZE EVERY APPLICATION FROM BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMAN TO ENSURE THAT PRIORITY WAS GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADDED SUCH MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE THE DECIDING FACTOR AFTER OTHER CONDITIONS HAD BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

HE STRESSED THAT THE POLICY WAS IMPORTANT IN ENCOURAGING MORE BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN TO JOIN THE CHAMBER TO ACHIEVE BETTER PROGRESS, HE SAID AT THE CHAMBER'S DINNER HERE.

---BERNAMA MORE 0036/AH

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR CALLED ON BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN TO EXPLORE NEW FIELDS AND NOT TO CONCENTRATE ONLY ON THE POPULAR BUSINESS VENTURES.

HE SAID THEY OUGHT TO VENTURE INTO OTHER FIELDS SO THAT BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN EVERY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR COULD BE FURTHER INTENSIFIED.

THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT TO ASSIST BUMIPUTRA ENTREPRENEURS IN THE NEW FIELDS THE GOVERNMENT WOULD IDENTIFY THE TYPES OF BUSINESSES FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE.

HE SAID THOUGH HE SAW SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN SO FAR, THEY WERE STILL FOUND TO BE LACKING IN THE MANAGEMENT SECTOR.

HE SAID SUCH WEAKNESS BECAME MORE APPARENT AS NOT MANY BUMIPUTRA ENTREPRENEURS HAD STRIVED TO IMPROVE THEIR EFFICIENCY IN MANAGING THEIR BUSINESS. ---BERNAMA MORE 0042/AH

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SUCH A WEAKNESS WAS AMONG OTHER THINGS DUE TO THE INABILITY OF BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN TO ATTEND MANAGEMENT COURSES AS THEY COULD NOT FIND TIME TO DO SO.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO ENABLE BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN TO ATTEND SUCH COURSES.

EARLIER, MENTERI BESAR OF NEGERI SEMBILAN DATUK RAIS YATIM GAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE MORE FACILITIES TO HELP BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN ACHIEVE FURTHER PROGRESS.

HE SAID THE STATE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO INCULCATE IN ITS OFFICERS THE SPIRIT TO GIVE EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN.

PRESENT AT THE DINNER WERE DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH, THE WIFE OF THE MENTERI BESAR DATIN MAZNAH, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER, TAN SRI KAMARUL ARIFFIN.

---BERNAMA 0050/AH