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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 9³¹ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT PROPOSED THAT MALAYSIA ADOPT A +WORK ETHICS+ SIMILAR TO THE ONE PRACTISED IN JAPAN.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH AN ETHICAL SYSTEM TO ENABLE MALAYSIA TO PROGRESS AT PAR WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

SPEAKING AT A FAREWELL DINNER ORGANISED BY FIMA HERE, HE SAID THE WORKS ETHICS OF JAPAN HAD BECOME THE CORNERSTONE OF THE SUCCESS AND PROGRESS OF THAT NATION.

THE CODE HAD NOT ONLY BROUGHT ABOUT INDUSTRIAL HARMONY IN JAPAN BUT ALSO GENERATED MUTUAL REGARD BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS AND WORKER ESTEEM AND LOYALTY TO THE EMPLOYER.

+THIS IS WHY JAPANESE FIRMS Seldom EXPERIENCE EMPLOYMENT MIGRATION PROBLEM IN WHICH WORKERS HOP FROM ONE COMPANY TO ANOTHER,+ HE ADDED.

+EVEN FACTORIES AND FIRMS EXPERIENCING DOWNWARD ECONOMIC TRENDS WILL NOT RETRENCH THEIR WORKERS.+ -- BERNAMA

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DECLARED THAT HE WOULD STRIVE TO BRING ABOUT THE CREATKON OF A CODE OF WORK ETHICS IN THE COUNTRY.

+IF I CANNOT ACHIEVE THIS FULLY DURING MY LIFETIME, I AM CONFIDENT OTHER LEADERS WILL TAKE IT UP TO ITS COMPLETE REALISATION,+ HE ADDED.

ON FIMA, HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN ITS CONTINUED PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT.

HE FELT ITS DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS HAD BEEN SATISFACTORY- ALTHOUGH IT HAD NOT ADVANCED AT SUCH A FAST RATE AS SOME OTHER GOVERNMENT TRADE CORPORATIONS.

THE SLOWER TEMPO WAS BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO MONITOR ITS DEVELOPMENT TO ENSURE FIMA ACHIEVED ITS TRUE OBJECTIVES AND GOALS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, WHO WAS AT ONE TIME CHAIRMAN OF FIMA, CONGRATULATED OFFICERS AND STAFF OF FIMA FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CORPORATION.--

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EARLIER, FIMA CHAIRMAN DATUK HAJI BASIR ISMAIL SAID FIMA AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES WERE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE A SALES VOLUME OF ABOUT \$150 MILLION END OF THE YEAR, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 2-1/2 TIMES OVER LAST YEAR'S FIGURE.

FIMA HAD 24 SUBSIDIARIES INVOLVED IN FOUR SECTORS-ESTATE, PRODUCTION AND PACKAGING SILO STORAGE AND TRADING.

DATUK HAJI BASIR LATER PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WHO WAS FIMA CHAIRMAN FOR NINE YEATS FROM ITS INCEPTION ON NOV. 23 1972 TO AUG. 17 THIS YEAR.

THE PRIME MINISTER PRESENTED A SOUVENIR OF APPRECIATION TO DEPUTY TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER DATUK LEW SIP HON WHO WAS FORMER CHAIRMAN OF A FIMA SUBSIDIARY, KOTAK MALAYSIA AND FORMER MEMBER OF FIMA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

HE ALSO GAVE A SOUVENIR TO FORMER GENERAL MANAGER OF KOTAK MALAYSIA ENCIK TEE KENG YONG.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE DINNER WERE DATUK SERI DR. SITI HASMAH AND TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER TENGGU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN. ---
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