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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 9⁸⁾ (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SOME OF THE CAUSES FOR FAILURE AMONG BUMIPUTRA CONTRACTORS WOULD BE ELIMINATED WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE BUMIPUTRA CONTRACTORS' SERVICES CO-ORDINATION CENTRE (PUSAKABUMI).

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, WHO OPENED THE CENTRE HERE TODAY HOWEVER REMINDED BUMIPUTRA CONTRACTORS THAT CONTRACT WORK WAS NOT EASY WORK WHICH COULD GIVE THEM SUCCESS MERELY BY PARTICIPATING IN IT.

A CONTRACTOR OR THOSE ASPIRING TO BE ONE MUST BE AWARE THAT THE FIELD THEY WERE ENTERING WAS FULL OF CHALLENGES AND ONLY THOSE WHO WERE PREPARED TO FACE THE CHALLENGES COULD SUCCEED, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM OF SETTING UP PUSAKABUMI WAS, FIRSTLY, TO COLLECT PROCESS AND PROVIDE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON CONTRACT WORK, BUILDING MATERIALS SUPPLIERS, TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND SUCH MATTERS TO BUMIPUTRA CONTRACTORS.

SECONDLY, IT WAS TO PROVIDE SPEEDY AID IN DEALING WITH DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS WHICH CAUSED DIFFICULTIES TO BUMIPUTRA CONTRACTORS AND THUS HINDERED THEIR PROGRESS, — BERNAMA MORE 1730/LK

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THE THIRD AIM WAS TO CO-ORDINATE WORK AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO PROGRESS PAYMENTS, CAPITAL LOANS TRAINING AND OTHER ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY VARIOUS AGENCIES SO AS TO STANDARDISE, SIMPLIFY AND STREAMLINE THEM.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY EXPLAINED THAT PUSAKABUMI WOULD ACT AS A +ONE-STOP+ AGENCY TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND AID TO ALL BUMIPUTRA CONTRACTORS SPEEDILY.

THIS HOWEVER DID NOT MEAN THAT IT WOULD TAKE OVER ALL THE TASKS NOW BEING PERFORMED OUT BY VARIOUS AGENCIES.

HE STRESSED THAT THE ROLE PLAYED BY PUSAKABUMI WAS TO STUDY, SPEED UP, CO-ORDINATE AND ACT AS THE INTERMEDIARY IN SOLVING ALL PROBLEMS FACED BY BUMIPUTRA CONTRACTORS.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE CENTRE WOULD RECEIVE ALL COMPLAINTS FROM BUMIPUTRA CONTRACTORS EITHER THROUGH PERSONAL APPROACH, BY TELEPHONE OR LETTER, — BERNAMA MORE 1733/LK

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE CENTRE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SPEEDY ANALYSIS OF PROBLEMS, COMMUNICATING WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED, CONDUCTING DISCUSSIONS AND FINDING QUICK SOLUTIONS.

THE CENTRE WAS EQUIPPED WITH A COMPUTER TO PROVIDE DATA RELATING TO THE CONTRACTORS THEMSELVES AND THEIR CLASSIFICATIONS, PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR STATUTORY BODIES, AGENCIES PROVIDING CAPITAL LOANS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE, BUILDING MATERIAL AND MACHINERY SUPPLIERS, CONSULTANT FIRMS TO WHICH TECHNICAL MATTERS COULD BE REFERRED AND OTHER INFORMATION.

HE ADDED THAT THE DATA COULD BE OBTAINED AT ANY TIME AS WELL AS ANY ADVICE THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED.

IF NECESSARY, REPRESENTATIVES OF AGENCIES INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WOULD BE SUMMONED OR STATIONED AT THE CENTRE TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS TO BE MADE TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS.

THE CENTRE ALSO HAD FACILITIES TO EXHIBIT BUILDING MODELS AND PLANS, SAMPLES OF BUILDING EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, MANAGEMENT AIDS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. — BERNAMA MORE 1736/LK

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS WAS TO GIVE BUMIPUTRA CONTRACTORS ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO DISCUSS AND OBTAIN A CLEAR PICTURE OF THEIR WORK.

EXHIBITS DISPLAYED AT THE CENTRE, PARTICULARLY EXAMPLES OF BUILDINGS AND PLANS, WOULD, IT WAS HOPED, PROVIDE A CLEAR GUIDELINES TO BUMIPUTRA CONTRACTORS TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW PLANS WERE TRANSLATED INTO BUILDINGS.

+WITH SUCH FUNCTIONS AND FACILITIES, IT IS HOPED THAT SOME OF THE CAUSES FOR FAILURE AMONG BUMIPUTRA CONTRACTORS CAN BE OVERCOME,+ HE STRESSED. — BERNAMA 1738/LK