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KUANTAN, JUNE 20<sup>81</sup> (BERNAMA) — OLD AND NEW TOWNS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN LINE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY TO REFLECT THE MULTI-RACIAL CHARACTER OF THE COUNTRY.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO SEE RACES IN THE COUNTRY BEING COMPARTMENTALISED ACCORDING TO THEIR ECONOMIC ROLES.

HE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO SEE ALL TOWNS REFLECTING THE MULTI-RACIAL CHARACTER OF THE COUNTRY WHERE ALL RACES COULD LIVE IN PEACE AND WORK WITHOUT HARBOURING FEELINGS OF SUSPICION AND TENSION.

SPEAKING WHEN LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE KUANTAN NEW TOWNSHIP NEAR HERE, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY WOULD BE ACHIEVED IF BUMIPUTRAS WERE WILLING TO FACE THE CHALLENGES.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES TO BE PARTICIPATED BY ALL RACES IN A PROPORTION THAT WOULD REFLECT THE COMPOSITION OF RACES IN THE COUNTRY.

HE STRESSED THAT BUMIPUTRAS MUST FACE THE CHALLENGES AND BE READY TO LEARN EVERYTHING IN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FIELDS.

ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWNSHIP, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WOULD PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A TOWN WHICH WOULD TRULY REFLECT REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY.

IT REQUIRED NOT ONLY FINANCIAL PROVISIONS FROM FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS BUT ALSO MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE NEW TOWN SHIP WOULD DEVELOP INTO A TWIN TOWN OF KUANTAN BEFORE EVENTUALLY MERGING TO BECOME THE LARGEST TOWN IN EAST PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR THEN HANDED OVER A CHEQUE FOR \$8.624 MILLION TO PAHANG MENTRI BESAR, HAJI ABDUL RAHIM AS INITIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST PHASE OF THE NEW TOWNSHIP. —BERNAMA MORE 1925/AH

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EARLIER, HAJI ABDUL RAHIM SAID THE NEW TOWNSHIP WOULD HAVE FACILITIES AND SERVICES EQUAL TO DEVELOPED TOWNS IN THE COUNTRY.

IT WOULD BE SELF-CONTAINED AND POSSIBLY EQUAL TO, OR EVEN OUTSTRIP, KUANTAN, HE ADDED.

BY THE YEAR 2000, THE TOWNSHIP WOULD BECOME A MAJOR COMMERCIAL CENTRE WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE FACILITIES.

IT WILL ALSO BECOME A VITAL SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE EAST COAST REGION THROUGH THE SETTING UP OF RECREATION CENTRES, MODERN SHOPPING COMPLEXES, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AS WELL AS SPECIALIST MEDICAL SERVICES AND MODERN HOUSES FOR ALL LEVELS OF SOCIETY. —BERNAMA