

KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 21 (BERNAMA) — MALAYSIA CAN CONSIDER ITSELF FULLY-INDEPENDENT ONLY WHEN THE COUNTRY IS ABLE TO PRODUCE ANY KIND OF GOODS BEING MANUFACTURED BY INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES, ACTING PRIME MINISTER, (DATUK SERI MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY.

THERE IS A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR MALAYSIA TOWARDS THAT GOAL BECAUSE THE COUNTRY WILL BE HAVING MORE STEEL MILLS, PETRO-CHEMICAL FACTORIES AND OTHER HEAVY INDUSTRIES, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID FOREIGN INDUSTRIALISTS CONSIDERED THAT MALAYSIA POSSESSED A BRIGHT FUTURE IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FIELDS.

THEY FOUND THAT TRADE COULD BE CONDUCTED SMOOTHLY IN MALAYSIA AND IN OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND INCENTIVES AS WELL AS PAY REASONABLE WAGES IN THE HEAVY INDUSTRIES PROVIDED BUMIPUTRAS WERE WILLING TO WORK.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT BUMIPUTRA ENTREPRENEURS POSSESSED THE ABILITY TO GO INTO THE INDUSTRIAL FIELD. —BERNAMA MORE 1853/AH

NO78

MAHATHIR - INDEPENDENCE 2 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, SAID THERE ARE SOME SUCCESSFUL BUMIPUTRA ENTREPRENEURS WHO ARE KEENLY SOUGHT BY INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES TO BECOME THEIR AGENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

HE ADDED THERE ARE ALSO SOME WHO COULD BECOME +COMPANY DOCTORS+ BY BUYING OVER COMPANIES ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE AND REVIVING THEM TO SUCCESS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE ALSO UNSUCCESSFUL BUMIPUTRA ENTREPRENEURS, SOME OF WHOM OBTAINED GOVERNMENT AID BUT BLAMED THEIR FAILURE ON THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

THE ITM GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, DATUK MANSOR OTHMAN, URGED STUDENTS WHO HAD SUCCEEDED AFTER COMPLETING THEIR STUDIES TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE INSTITUTE SO THAT IT COULD KEEP TRACK OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS ENABLE IT TO PLAN FUTURE CURRICULUMS.

HE WAS PROUD TO NOTE THAT TO-DATE 14,000 ITM STUDENTS HAD OBTAINED VARIOUS JOBS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FIELDS WHILE MANY MORE HAD BECOME SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR OWN BUSINESSES. —BERNAMA 1858/AH