

MAHATHIR - TRAINING

KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 4 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONFIDENT THAT ITS TARGETS FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING UNDER THE FOURTH MALAYSIA PLAN WOULD BE ACHIEVED PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

HE WAS HAPPY TO NOTE THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND POTENTIAL INVESTORS HAD GIVEN VOLUNTARY UNDERTAKING TO PLAY THEIR PART IN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DURING THE PLAN PERIOD.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE BELIEVED IN THIS CASE THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THEM INCENTIVES TO DO SO.

AS FOR THE GOVERNMENT, IT WOULD BUILD MORE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND INTENSIFIED OTHER EFFORTS TO PROVIDE MORE FACILITIES, HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING EXPO AT CHANGKAT PAVILION HERE THIS EVENING.

DATIN SERI DR. SITI HASMAH AND LABOUR AND MANPOWER MINISTER, DATUK RICHARD HO ACCOMPANIED HIM.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID CERTAIN INVESTORS UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING TO MALAYSIANS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY APART FROM TRAINING THEM LOCALLY.

HE DISCLOSED THAT TODAY ITSELF, HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A FOREIGN COMPUTER FIRM INTERESTED IN INVESTING IN THIS COUNTRY AND OFFERING TO TRAIN MALAYSIANS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO BECOME PROGRAMMERS.

+THIS IS A VOLUNTARY UNDERTAKING ON ITS PART AND I AM HAPPY ABOUT THIS AS THE OFFER IS WORTHWHILE,+ HE SAID.

ASKED ON THE UMBC ISSUE, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR REITERATED THERE WAS NO NEED TO CREATE AN ISSUE OVER THE MATTER AND THAT HE WAS +TAKING CARE OF BOTH SIDES+.

HE DID NOT WISH TO ELABORATE ON REPORTS THAT HE WOULD ANNOUNCE EARLY THIS MONTH THE PERCENTAGE FORMULA FOR THE BANK'S EQUITY DISTRIBUTION.

ASKED WHETHER HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH DATUK HUSSEIN ONN

ON WAYS TO END THE REPORTED CRISIS IN THE PAHANG UMNO, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID, +IA DO NOT THINK THERE IS A CRISIS AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOT DISCUSSED IT WITH ME.+

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ASKED ON WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WOULD GAZETTE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIETIES ACT RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE DEWAN RAKYAT, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID, +AFTER THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG SIGNS IT.+

+AS FOR ME I HAVE DONE MY PART AND EVEN AFTER THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG HAD SIGNED IT, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME MUST BE GIVEN TO HAVE IT PRINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTERS.+

—BERNAMA 2217/AH