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FROM JAMAL ALI

JAKARTA, AUG. 13 (BERNAMA) — NO DELICATE OR SENSITIVE ISSUE CAN AFFECT THE EXISTING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA, MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT.

SPEAKING AT A STATE BANQUET AT ISTANA MERDEKA HERE, HE SAID ANY SUCH ISSUE WOULD BE SOLVED IN THE SPIRIT OF GOODWILL AND TOGETHERNESS.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ON A TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO INDONESIA, PLEDGED TO MAINTAIN THE GOOD RELATIONS FOSTERED BY HIS PREDECESSORS.

+RATHER, I WILL WORK HARDER, GOD WILLING, TO ENHANCE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, HE SAID.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT THE BANQUET WERE INDONESIAN VICE-PRESIDENT TUN ADAM MALIK, SENIOR INDONESIAN MINISTERS AND MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TAN SRI GHAZALI SHAFIE. — BERNAMA MORE 2248/AZ

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HE SAID THE CLOSE RELATIONS HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED THROUGH VARIOUS FORMS OF COOPERATION AMONG THE ASEAN COUNTRIES.

+WE CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DYNAMIC PROGRAMMES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS TO IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARD OF OUR PEOPLES, + SAID DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR.

HE SAID IT WAS ASEAN'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION SO AS TO ENABLE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT HINDRANCE FROM WITHIN OR OUTSIDE.

PEACE AND STABILITY WOULD BE THREATENED IF THERE WAS TENSION AND UPHEAVAL IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, HE ADDED.

THIS WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY AFFECT DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS.  
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ON KAMPUCHEA, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT RESOLVING THE ISSUE WAS VITAL FOR ALL COUNTRIES BECAUSE ONLY THEN COULD THEY CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPMENT AND THE PEOPLE'S WELL-BEING WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE.

EARLIER, PRESIDENT SUHARTO SAID BROTHERLY RELATIONS AND TRUST IN EACH OTHER WOULD CREATE SINCERE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THIS WOULD IN TURN CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTINUED STABILITY AND PEACE IN THE ASEAN REGION, HE ADDED.

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MEANWHILE, THE WIFE OF THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER DATIN SERI DR. SITI HASMAH VISITED A HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION AT WISMA NEGARA.

SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE WIFE OF THE INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, IBU MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA, WIFE OF THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA, IBU DEWI RAIS, WIFE OF THE MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA, PUAN SERI HAJJAH AISHAH, WIFE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE PUAN SERI HAMIDAH AND WIFE OF THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE FORCES, PUAN SERI NURIZIAH. — BERNAMA 2302/MK