

MAHATHIR - DEDICATION

EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AFTER 2200 HRS. TODAY (AUG. 16)

KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 16 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT CALLED ON ALL WORKERS TO DEVELOP GOOD WORK ETHICS BY BEING PUNCTUAL, DEDICATED AND GIVING THEIR BEST.

THE PRIME MINISTER BELIEVED THAT GOOD WORK ETHICS WOULD LEAD TO A MORE PROSPEROUS AND HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE NATION BESIDES ENSURING A BETTER LIFE FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING THE WORKERS.

HE SAID THAT HIS RECENT DIRECTIVES ON THE NEED FOR PUNCTUALITY WERE NOT CONFINED ONLY TO POLITICIANS AND GOVERNMENT SERVANTS BUT ALSO PROPRIETORS OF BUSINESSES, TOP EXECUTIVES AND WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

HE REGRETTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE COUNTRY HAD ALL THE INGREDIENTS FOR AN +ECONOMIC TAKE-OFF+, IT LACKED AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT—GOOD WORK ETHICS.

+WE DO NOT WORK HARD ENOUGH OR HONESTLY ENOUGH; FAR TOO MANY OF US WORK ONLY FOR THE MONEY WE GET OR ACTUALLY WORK LESS THAN WHAT WE ARE PAID FOR,+ HE SAID AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE MALAYSIAN CHINESE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HERE.

—BERNAMA MORE 2119/AH

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID EVERYONE SHOULD MAKE A HABIT OF BEING PUNCTUAL, WORKING HARDER AND HONESTLY, NOT ONLY FOR THE MONEY, BUT FOR PRIDE IN ONE'S ACHIEVEMENT AND THE NATION.

BY GOING TO WORK ON TIME DID NOT MEAN THAT WORKERS SHOULD LEAVE THEIR PLACE OF WORK IMMEDIATELY AT THE END OF THEIR NORMAL WORKING TIME, HE SAID.

THEY SHOULD TRY TO FINISH AS MUCH OF THEIR WORK AS THEY COULD EACH DAY AND, IF NECESSARY, THEY SHOULD STAY BACK, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR FELT THAT THE SACRIFICE OF HARD WORK WAS REALLY A GOOD INVESTMENT FOR THE PERSON WHO MADE IT FOR IN THE LONG RUN EVERYONE WOULD GET THE BENEFITS THROUGH THEIR OWN EFFORTS.

HE SAID, +THE TOP MEN WILL EARN MORE AND LIVE BETTER AND EVEN THE LABOURER OR WORKER WOULD HAVE A BETTER INCOME AND A BETTER STANDARD OF LIFE,+

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR THEN URGED THE CHINESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY BOTH IN MIND AND IN SPIRIT. —BERNAMA MORE 2123/AH

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MAHATHIR-DEDICATION 3 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

HE SAID THEY SHOULD TRY TO BE LESS EXCLUSIVE AND NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE WHEN IT COMES TO EMPLOYING STAFF AND APPOINTING AGENTS AND DEALERS JUST AS THEY DO NOT DISCRIMINATE IN THEIR SEARCH FOR CUSTOMERS.

+THEN AND ONLY THEN WILL THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY BE ACHIEVED RAPIDLY BESIDES RAPID ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND TAKE-OFF,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR REITERATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT POLICIES, INCLUDING THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY, WERE NOT OPPRESSIVE NOR CONFISCATORY AS EVERYONE, INCLUDING THE CHINESE COMMUNITY, WOULD BENEFIT FROM IT.

HE SAID THE CHINESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE NEP IF THEY RECONCILED THEMSELVES TO THE POLICY AND PLAY A PROPER ROLE BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES.

+BE SURE THAT ONCE YOU GET RID OF THE EMOTIONS WHICH CLOUD YOUR REASONING, YOU WILL DISCOVER HOW POSITIVE THE NEP IS AND HOW IT CAN HELP YOU AND YOUR BUSINESS,+ HE ADDED.

—BERNAMA MORE 2127/AH

MAHATHIR-DEDICATION 4 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

HE STRESSED THAT AN OPEN MIND AND RATIONAL APPROACH WERE NEEDED ON THE PART OF CHINESE BUSINESSMEN IN SOLVING PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD BE RECIPROGATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

+CONFRONTATION BY YOU OR BY THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT THE RIGHT THING TO DO,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE THINGS WHICH COULD BE CHANGED AND THERE WERE OTHERS WHICH COULD NOT AND ONCE +WE REALISE THAT CHANGE IS NOT POSSIBLE, IT IS BETTER THAT WE RECONCILE OURSELVES TO THE EXISTING ONES AND MAKE THE BEST OF IT.+

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE NEP, THE PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT ACT AND THE INDUSTRIAL COORDINATION ACT WERE POLICIES AND LAWS WHICH WERE CRUCIAL NOT ONLY FOR THE CREDIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO FOR THE PROSPERITY AND FUTURE OF THE NATION.

TO CHANGE OR UNDERMINE THEM COULD ONLY CAUSE INSTABILITY IN THE COUNTRY AND SUCH AN EVENT WOULD DO NO ONE, LEAST OF ALL THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, ANY GOOD.

+LET US FACE THIS REALITY AND MAKE THE BEST OF THE SITUATION,+ HE ADDED.

HE WAS HAPPY TO NOTE THE ASSOCIATION'S PLEDGE TO FOSTER A NEW RELATIONSHIP DEVOID OF EMOTIONS BETWEEN THE CHINESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT.—BERNAMA 2130/AH

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EARLIER, THE CHAMBER'S PRESIDENT, ENCIK WEE BOON PING, IN HIS SPEECH SAID THAT WHILE CHINESE BUSINESSMEN SUPPORTED GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES WHICH WERE AIMED AT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND NATIONAL UNITY, THEY FOUND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH POLICIES LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED.

HE CITED THE LACK OF DECISIONAL EFFICIENCY, FLEXIBILITY AND REIGHTFUL ATTITUDE OF SOME CIVIL SERVANTS AS A COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FACTOR IN THE ATTAINMENT OF INVESTMENT GOALS.

+DELAYS AND FRUSTRATIONS ARE COMMON EXPERIENCE FOR BUSINESS-  
MEN WHO HAVE TO GET THE NECESSARY CLEARANCES OR APPROVALS,+  
SAID ENCIK WEE.

HOWEVER, THE ACCIM WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE MASURES TAKEN BY DATUK SERTI DR. MAHATHIR IN BEEFING UP THE CIVIL SERVICE AND STREAM-LINING THE ADMINISTRATION, HE ADDED.

ENCIK WEE SAID THAT A NEW CHAPTER IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN OPENED. --BERNAMA MORE 2307/AH

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HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE NEW RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE BASED ON REASON AND NOT EMOTION AS EMOTION COULD ONLY CLOUD THINKING AND DISTORT REASONING AND IN THE END, IT BENEFITED NO ONE.

ENCIK WEE ADDED THE ACCIM PLEDGED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN MONITORING MORE POSITIVE RESPONSE BY THE CHINESE BUSINESS COM-MUNITY TO THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES UNDER THE FOURTH MALAYSIA PLAN.

ACCORDING TO THE PLAN, THE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IS EXPECTED TO ACCOUNT FOR \$74.111 BILLION OF THE TOTAL INVESTMENT TARGET.  
--BERNAMA 2310/AH