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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 23 (BERNAMA) -- A SYSTEMATIC ASSIMILATION AND TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY IN THE HEAVY INDUSTRY BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA IS BEING CARRIED OUT, PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE TOLD THE SENATE THAT THIS PROCESS WAS BEING UNDERTAKEN THROUGH SEVERAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BEING CARRIED OUT EITHER BY THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF OR BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

IN ADDITION, AS A POSITIVE STEP, THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO SEND STUDENTS FOR TRAINING IN CERTAIN TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT FIELDS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES, HE ADDED.

REPLYING TO SENATOR DATUK CHOO CHING HWA DURING QUESTION TIME, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT MALAYSIA WAS KEEN TO EMULATE JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA IN CERTAIN ASPECTS.

FROM JAPAN, MALAYSIA WANTED TO EMULATE ITS TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC APPROACH IN THE EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS, WORKER ETHICS AS WELL AS HEAVY AND MEDIUM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE 1750/AZ

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HE ADDED THAT MALAYSIA WAS INTERESTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION, AGRICULTURAL RE-STRUCTURING AND SMALL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGY FROM SOUTH KOREA.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT MALAYSIA HAD BEEN DEPENDING TOO MUCH ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FROM THE WEST.

BY SENDING THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS FOR STUDIES IN WESTERN COUNTRIES, THEY WERE EXPOSED TO VARIOUS INFLUENCES AND VALUES OF WESTERN CULTURE, HE ADDED.

+TO BALANCE THE SITUATION, I THINK IT IS BETTER THAT WE LOOK EAST BECAUSE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN COUNTRIES LIKE JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA ARE NO LESS OUTSTANDING,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE APPROACH ADOPTED BY THE JAPANESE AND SOUTH KOREANS TOWARDS WORK.

THE JAPANESE, IN PARTICULAR, POSSESSED A WORK ETHIC BASED ON HIGH VALUES TOWARDS A JOB SUCH AS THEIR SINCERE SPIRIT AND COMMITMENT, HE ADDED.

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"THIS RESULTS IN HIGH PRODUCTIVITY AND PROFITS THE NATION," HE SAID.

HE HOPED THAT BY EMULATING THE WORK STALE OF THE JAPANESE AND SOUTH KOREANS AS WELL AS ABSORBING THE TECHNOLOGY FROM THE TWO COUNTRIES, MALAYSIA WOULD BE ABLE TO ADVANCE IN TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVE ITS OWN EXISTING ATTITUDES AND VALUES.

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