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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 5 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) TODAY CALLED ON ALL STRATA OF MALAYSIANS, FROM THE HUMBLE MENIAL WORKER TO THE HIGHEST EXECUTIVE TO TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR WORK AND NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE ITS IMPORTANCE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT EVERYONE HAD AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY AND +WE SHOULD ALL REALISE THIS AND DRASTICALLY CHANGE OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS WORK.+

LAUNCHING THE NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY CAMPAIGN, HE SAID THAT EVERY MALAYSIAN SHOULD STRIVE TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND AT THE SAME TIME TAKE PRIDE IN AND ENJOY THEIR WORK.

HE SAID WORK SHOULD BE ENJOYED IN THE SAME WAY AS PLAY WAS ENJOYED.

+WHEN A PLAYER PLAYS VERY OFTEN HE ENDS UP EXHAUSTED. BUT HE WILL INSIST HE ENJOYED PLAYING DESPITE THE ENERGY HE EXPENDED, MONEY AND EVEN THE RESULTANT EXHAUSTION,+ HE SAID.

+THIS IS BECAUSE HE GETS A THRILL IN FACING CHALLENGES TO HIS SKILLS AND STAMINA.+

HE SAID SIMILARY EVERYONE SHOULD GET SATISFACTION IF NOT THRILL FROM THE CHALLENGES TO HIS SKILLS AND SPEED IMPOSED BY HIS WORK.

-- BERNAMA MORE 1215/SZ

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID WORK COULD THEREFORE BE ENJOYABLE AS GAMES WERE ENJOYED +IF OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS WORK IS CORRECT.+

+HOWEVER, IF WORK IS REGARDED AS A CHORE, TO BE GOT THROUGH FOR THE PURPOSE OF EARNING AN INCOME, THEN BOREDOM RESULTS. A BORED WORKER IS AS BAD AS A BORED PLAYER. HE DOES NOT WIN,+ HE SAID.

+A BORED WORKER DOES NOT PRODUCE. HE MERELY MARKS TIME. HE IS A WAGE SLAVE.+

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE HAD ENVISAGED MALAYSIA AS A LAND THAT WOULD SET AN EXAMPLE AND EARN THE RESPECT OF ALL OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

THIS WAS NOT JUST A DREAM BUT WSS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE ALTHOUGH THE TASK WAS FORMIDABLE AND EVERYONE SHOULD WORK HARD TO ACHIEVE IT.

HE SAID THAT DESPITE ALL THE DIFFICULTIES, HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS WITHIN THE POWER OF MALAYSIANS TO COME VERY CLOSE TO THE FULFILMENT OF THEIR HOPES.

+I BASE MY FAITH ON THE PROGRESS THAT WE HAVE MADE IN THE FEW YEARS SINCE WE EMERGED AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION IN FULL CONTROL OF OUR DESTINY,+ HE ADDED.

-- BERNAMA MORE 1220/SZ

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HE SAID THAT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF HIS PREDECESSORS, THE COUNTRY HAD ESTABLISHED A STABLE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, A SOUND ECONOMY AND THE BASIS OF AN EFFICIENT NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

+WE ARE ALSO ENDOWED WITH NATURAL RESOURCES, AND SPARED THE HORRORS OF SOME OF THE NATURAL DISASTERS THAT AFFLICT SOME OF OUR CLOSE NEIGHBOURS, AND OUR PEOPLE, WHATEVER THEIR RACE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HIGH SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS VALUES,+ HE SAID.

+WE THEREFORE, HAVE VERY SOLID GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM FOR THE FUTURE,+ THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED.

THE TIME HAD NOW COME FOR MALAYSIANS TO FACE THE COLD HARD FACT THAT MANY OF THEIR FRIENDS WHO HELPED THEM IN THE PAST WOULD PROBABLY BE IN NO POSITION TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.

IN VIEW OF THIS, THEY SHOULD LEARN TO FACE A FUTURE WHERE THEY MUST STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF HELP FROM OTHER SOURCES.

THE FIRST THING THAT MALAYSIANS SHOULD DO WAS TO LEARN TO APPLY THEIR RESOURCES, BOTH HUMAN AND MATERIAL, TO THE BEST POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE AND CUT DOWN ON WASTAGE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1235/8Z

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID WASTAGE OCCURRED EVERYWHERE, IN THE HOME, IN THE OFFICE AND FACTORIES AND EVEN ON ROADS.

IN THE HOME, WASTAGE OCCURS WHEN LIGHTS ARE LEFT BURNING IN UNOCCUPIED ROOMS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, AIR-CONDITIONING PLANTS ARE WORKING AND COOLING AIR WHICH NOBODY USES, WATER TAP LEFT RUNNING AFTER USE OR PERMANENTLY DRIPPING BECAUSE OF FAULTY AND DEFECTIVE WASHERS.

IN THE OFFICES, BOTH IN THE GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS SECTORS, MUCH WASTAGE WAS DONE TO STATIONERY WHICH COULD BE DONE WITHOUT.

+EXECUTIVES MUST LEARN NOT TO INSIST ON BEING EXTENDED COPIES OF DOCUMENTS THEY WILL NEVER LOOK AT,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT SAVINGS THROUGH REDUCTION OF PAPER USE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE.

IN THE FACTORIES THE WASTAGE COULD BE MINIMISED THROUGH PROPER USE OF TOOLS AND OTHER MACHINERY AND INSTITUTION OF SAFETY MEASURES.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID ROAD ACCIDENTS WERE ALSO A GREAT NATIONAL WASTE NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF LOSS OF MANHOURS FOR THE POLICE AND OTHERS BUT ALSO HUMAN RESOURCES THUS INCREASING THE COST FOR EVERYONE AS INSURERS DEMAND HIGHER PREMIUM.

SIMILAR PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS IN FACTORIES COULD ALSO SAVE THE NATION COUNTLESS MILLIONS IN WASTAGE DUE TO HUMAN NEGLIGENCE.

-- BERNAMA MORE 1243/ZCM

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FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1981 A TOTAL OF 65,898 ACCIDENTS WERE REPORTED WITH 573 DEATHS.

IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT A TOTAL OF 250,536 MAN DAYS WERE LOST -- THE EQUIVALENT OF 1,500 PEOPLE WORKING FOR ONE WHOLE YEAR -- AND COMPENSATION PAID TO THESE WORKERS AMOUNTED TO \$16 MILLION.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ALL THESE WERE TOTALLY UNNECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCTION.

HE ADDED THAT ROAD ACCIDENTS WERE CAUSED BY SOMEONE FAILING TO OBEY LAWS RELATING TO SAFE DRIVING OR BY FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THEIR VEHICLE WHILE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS WERE CAUSED BY MANAGEMENT FAILURES TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS REQUIRED BY LAW OR BY WORKERS' REFUSAL TO OBEY INSTRUCTION RELATED TO SAFETY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID FIRE WAS ANOTHER CAUSE OF WASTAGE WHICH RESULTED IN MILLIONS OF RINGGIT OF LOSS EVERY YEAR.

ON THE AIMS OF THE PRODUCTIVITY CAMPAIGN, HE SAID IT HAD A THREE PRONGED AIM: FIRSTLY TO MAKE EVERYONE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PRODUCTIVITY AND THE PART THEY SHOULD PLAY TO ACHIEVE IT.

SECONDLY, THE CAMPAIGN HOPED TO UNITE THE COUNTRY INTO ONE TEAM DEDICATED TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY.

LASTLY, THE CAMPAIGN WAS ALSO AIMED AT ACHIEVING EARLY IMPROVEMENT IN THE NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A HIGHLY EFFICIENT ECONOMY.

-- BERNAMA 1255/SZ