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KOTA KINABALU, APRIL 13 (BERNAMA) -- /DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY ASKED THE PEOPLE TO BE CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY SO THAT THE COUNTRY CAN DEVELOP AND PROGRESS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED NOT ONLY ITS OFFICERS TO PRACTISE THESE PRINCIPLES, BUT ALSO THE PEOPLE.

"THIS IS OUR HOPE, AND WE ARE SERIOUS IN WANTING TO BE CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY," HE ADDED WHEN OPENING THE TAMAN BERSATU HOUSING SCHEME AT PUTATAN, 12 KM FROM HERE.

THE SCHEME IS A \$9.1 MILLION JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN UMNO AND BERJAYA TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR THE LOW-INCOME.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT IF ALL THE PEOPLE ADOPTED THESE PRINCIPLES, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY WOULD ACCELERATE AT ONCE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1404/LK

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THESE PRINCIPLES, HE SAID, WERE NOT MEANT TO BE A SLOGAN DEVOID OF MEANING.

THE PRIME MINISTER WANTED THE PEOPLE TO BE HONEST TO ENSURE THAT ALL PROJECTS WERE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

"IF THE PEOPLE ARE ENTRUSTED TO WORK, BUT SOMETIMES THEY TURN UP AND AT OTHER TIMES THEY DO NOT, THEN OBVIOUSLY THEY ARE NOT KEEPING THEIR PROMISE AND ARE NOT TRUSTWORTHY," HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE MUST REALISE THAT "WHAT IS PROMISED MUST BE KEPT."

ON SABAH'S DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID HE WAS HIGHLY IMPRESSED AT THE RATE AND ESPECIALLY MOVED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN USING THE RESOURCES TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1440/LK

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HE SAID THE TAMAN BERSATU SCHEME WAS AN EXAMPLE OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS RACES TO LIVE IN THE SAME AREA.

HE THEN PRESENTED KEYS TO THE OWNERS. EACH UNIT COSTS BETWEEN \$36,000 AND \$38,000.

EARLIER, CHIEF MINISTER DATUK HARRIS SALLEH PROMISED TO MAINTAIN THE POLITICAL STABILITY IN THE STATE ALTHOUGH THE POLITICAL SYSTEM WAS UNIQUE.

HE URGED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ACT AGAINST ELEMENTS WHO WERE SPREADING RUMOURS TO CONFUSE THE PEOPLE.

ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IRRESPECTIVE OF THOSE INVOLVED SO THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE SABAH WAS NOT JEOPARDISED, HE ADDED.

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