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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 19 (BERNAMA)--MALAYSIA STRESSED TODAY THAT ITS 'LOOK EAST POLICY' IS NOT AIMED AT MERELY SECURING TRAINING FACILITIES IN JAPAN BUT ALSO TO PROMOTE GREATER ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID MALAYSIA LOOKED FORWARD FOR MORE INVESTMENT FROM JAPANESE INDUSTRIALISTS IN THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THIS IN HIS TALKS WITH THE VISITING JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER YOSHIO SAKURAUCHI AT HIS OFFICE AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE HERE.

WISMA PUTRA UNDER-SECRETARY ENCIK EMAM HANIFF, BRIEFING THE PRESS ON THE TALKS, SAID DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO STRESSED UPON JAPAN TO RELOCATE SOME OF HER INDUSTRIES AS PART OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE RELOCATION OF INDUSTRIES TO MALAYSIA WOULD BE MORE PROFITABLE TO BOTH SIDES BECAUSE MALAYSIA COULD PROVIDE RELATIVELY CHEAP LABOUR AND ABUNDANT NATURAL SOURCES.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO ASKED JAPAN TO TREAT MALAYSIA AS ANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND NOT AS A NEWLY INDUSTRIALISED NATION. --
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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR TOLD THE JAPANESE MINISTER THAT MALAYSIA'S ECONOMY AT PRESENT WAS NOT VERY HEALTHY BECAUSE OF LOW PRICES OF ITS EXPORT COMMODITIES AS THE RESULT OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECESSION.

THE COUNTRY WAS LOW IN FUNDS TO FINANCE PROJECTS ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE PROJECTS WHICH CONCERNED THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MALAYSIA REQUIRED MORE JAPANESE LOAN ASSISTANCE TO FINANCE HER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO DEVELOP CLOSER RELATION WITH JAPAN. AS A DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED NATION, MALAYSIA REQUIRED TECHNOLOGY, KNOWHOW AND EXPERTISE.

IN SENDING ITS STUDENTS AND TRAINEES TO JAPAN, THE COUNTRY WAS GIVING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO ENABLE MALAYSIAN TRAINEES TO ACQUIRE THE KIND OF WORKING LIFE IN AN INDUSTRIALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRY LIKE JAPAN.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT MALAYSIA WOULD NOT EXPECT JAPAN TO RELAX THE STANDARD JUST TO ACCOMMODATE MALAYSIAN STUDENTS.

"OUR STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE ISOLATED FROM THE JAPANESE SOCIETY SO THAT THEY CAN LEARN THE WAY OF LIFE AND THE WORK ETHICS OF THE JAPANESE," HE SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE 1834/LK

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HE POINTED OUT THAT BY ISOLATING AND PROVIDING THEM PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT, THE MALAYSIAN TRAINEES COULD NEVER LEARN THE JAPANESE LIFESTYLE AND WORK ETHICS.

THE JAPANESE MINISTER TOOK NOTE OF HIS VIEWS.

ON THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM, ENCIK SAKURAUCHI SAID JAPAN FULLY SUPPORTED MALAYSIA'S EFFORTS IN BRINGING THE THREE KHMER NATIONALIST FACTIONS TO FORM A COALITION GOVERNMENT.

HE HOPED WITH THE MEETING AND THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE COALITION GOVERNMENT HERE NEXT WEEK WOULD SPEED UP THE PROCESS IN BRINGING PEACE AND STABILITY IN INDOCHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING WAS THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TAN SRI GHAZALI SHAFIE. ENCIK SAKURAUCHI, WHO IS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DEPUTY ENCIK NOBUO MATSUNAGA, WILL RETURN TO TOKYO TOMORROW MORNING. -- BERNAMA 1837/LK