

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (SPECIAL REPORT)
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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 8 (BERNAMA) -- DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE SOCIO-ECONOMIC LEVEL WHICH ARE BOTH RECIPIENT AND DONOR OF ASSISTANCE CAN OVERCOME SOME OF THE PROBLEMS FACING THEM THROUGH MEANINGFUL COOPERATION.

SUBSCRIBING TO THIS VIEW, MALAYSIA HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THE SMALLER AND POORER COUNTRIES IN THIS GROUP THROUGH ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME LAUNCHED IN 1980.

ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES, (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA'S OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WAS TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT THERE COULD BE FRUITFUL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: " BY MAKING AVAILABLE SUCH A PROGRAMME, WE HOPE TO SPUR OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO DO THE SAME."

MALAYSIA HAS EXPERTISE IN FIELDS LIKE ESTATE MANAGEMENT. IT CAN ALSO OFFER TRAINING FACILITIES RELEVANT TO RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. -- MORE 1003/MB

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THE SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME ARE FIJI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, WESTERN SAMOA, TONGA, KIRIBATI AND THE COOK ISLANDS.

OTHER COUNTRIES RECEIVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARE PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH AND SEVERAL GULF STATES.

FIJI HAS SENT FOUR OFFICIALS FOR COURSES ON PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AND OTHER RELATED FIELDS AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (INTAN).

SUVA HAS ALSO REQUESTED TO SEND SOME OFFICIALS TO STUDY ESTATE MANAGEMENT WHILE THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH PACIFIC BASED IN FIJI HAS ASKED MALAYSIA FOR A LECTURER ON APPLIED ECONOMICS FOR ITS 1983/84 SESSION.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA HAS SENT 11 OFFICIALS TO MALAYSIA FOR TRAINING IN VARIOUS FIELDS AT INTAN OR ON ATTACHMENT WITH FELDA AND FELCRA. -- MORE 1005/MB

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WESTERN SAMOA HAS REQUESTED FOR AN OFFICIAL FROM THE ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT TO BE SECONDED TO ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

IT IS ALSO CONSIDERING SENDING ITS SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS FOR TRAINING HERE.

TONGA AND KIRIBATI HAVE EACH SENT AN OFFICIAL FOR A HOTEL AND RESTAURANT SUPERVISORY CERTIFICATE COURSE AT THE NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE IN PETALING JAYA.

THE COOK ISLANDS HAVE SENT A TRAINEE TO THE NPC AND TWO OTHERS TO INTAN. ANOTHER IS ATTENDING A RADIO COURSE AT THE TELECOMS TRAINING CENTRE HERE.

THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED \$10 MILLION TO THE PROGRAMME THIS YEAR. OF THIS, \$2 MILLION HAVE BEEN UTILISED, SAID ENCIK MUSTAPHA DATUK MAHMUD, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL 11 OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. -- MORE 1007/MB

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR IS EXPECTED TO STRESS ON THIS KIND OF COOPERATION WHEN HE ATTENDS THE COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN FIJI ON OCT. 14.

HE IS EXPECTED TO POINT OUT THAT THE COMMONWEALTH CAN BE A MEANINGFUL BODY IF THERE IS A POLITICAL WILL AND DESIRE AMONG ITS MEMBERS TO COOPERATE AND ASSIST ONE ANOTHER.

COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL SHRIDATH RAMPHAL WHO WAS HERE RECENTLY HAS DESCRIBED MALAYSIA'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME AS 'THE MODEL OF THE KIND OF PRACTICAL SERVICE' THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN RENDER TO ONE ANOTHER. -- BERNAMA 1009/MB