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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 25 (BERNAMA)-- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID THE WESTERN WORLD WILL CONTINUE TO LOOSE OUT IN MANY FIELDS TO JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA IF THEIR PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BE LAZY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THERE WERE MANY SIGNS POINTING TO THIS DIRECTION.

IN AN ARTICLE IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER, +MERDEKA+ -- THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF UMNO-- HE STRESSED THAT WORK ETHICS, AS A PART OF THE VALUE SYSTEM OF A NATION PLAYED AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN DETERMINING THE RISE AND FALL OF ITS PEOPLE.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, THE WESTERN PEOPLE WERE PREVIOUSLY HARD-WORKING BUT WERE NOW LAZY, AND WERE NOW BACKWARD WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN AND KOREA, WHO WERE WELL-KNOWN FOR VALUEING HARD WORK.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, HOWEVER, ADMITTED THAT GOOD WORK ETHICS ALONE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO DECIDE THE RISE OR FALL OF A PEOPLE BUT ITS EFFECTS WERE OBVIOUS AND TELLING.

THE EFFECTS OF A GOOD WORK ETHICS, HE SAID, WOULD ENABLE A NATION TO OVERCOME ITS WEAKNESSES LIKE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, FACILITIES AND RESOURCES. -- MORE 1737/OM

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+THE JAPANESE PEOPLE, FOR EXAMPLE, WERE WEAK IN SCIENCE AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY, AND WERE AT FIRST THREATENED BY THE WEST. THEY, HOWEVER, HAD OVERCOME THEIR WEAKNESSES AND ARE NOW EXPORTING THEIR TECHNOLOGY TO THE WEST,+ HE ADDED.

EXPLAINING THE CONTENT OF WORK ETHICS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IN ADDITION TO HARDWORK, THE OTHER IMPORTANT COMPONENTS WERE SINCERITY, TRUSTWORTHINESS, DISCIPLINE, THRIFT AND EFFICIENCY.

INDUSTRY OR HARDOWRK, HE SAID, WAS A UNIVERSAL VALUE THAT COULD BE ACCEPTED BY ALL MANKIND +BUT APPRECECIATING THIS VALUE DID NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE PRACTISING IT,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE MALAYS, FOR EXAMPLE, HIGHLY VALUED INDUSTRIOUNESS OR HARDOWRK BUT WERE LESS INTERESTED IN WORKING OR STUDYING HARD.

+ALL SORTS OF EXCUSES ARE BEING MADE FOR NOT WANTING TO WORK OR STUDY HARD, INCLUDING THE VIEW BOROWED FROM THE WEST, THAT IS, HARD OWRK MAKES ONE A SLAVE OR A ROBOT.

+IT SEEMS THAT IF YOU ARE HARDOWRKing, THEN YOUR RETURNS WOULD BE TAKEN BY YOUR EMPLOYERS, AND THE EMPLOYERS ARE PICTURED AS THE BLOOD-SUCKING RICH PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE 1745/OM

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SUCH AN IMAGE OF THE RICH WAS NOT TRUE TODAY WHERE THE RICH HAVE TO PAY HIGHER TAXES, BOW DOWN TO THE AUTHORITY, RECOGNISE TRADE UNIONS OR FORCE TO ABIDE BY THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

REFERRING TO SINCERITY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS, HE SAID IF A NATION WAS KNOWN FOR ITS SINCERITY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS, THEN ALL THE DOORS WOULD BE OPEN TO IT.

REFERRING TO DISCIPLINE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THERE WAS NO WORK WHICH DID NOT REQUIRE DISCIPLINE.

HE SAID BY BEING DISCIPLINED, ONE HAS TO NOT ONLY FOLLOW THE DIRECTIVE BUT ALSO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE JOB.

APART FROM THE NEED FOR A GOOD WORK ETHICS, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO STRESSED ON THE NEED FOR A COUNTRY TO HAVE INTEGRITY.

-- MORE 1808/AZ

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+NOBODY WOULD WANT TO BE SCORNE AT OR OPPRESSED. BUT IT DID NOT MEAN THAT EVERYBODY WHO WANTS TO BE RESPECTED, WILL GET THE RESPECT. THIS IS BECAUSE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED HAVE NOT EXAMINED THEMSELVES FIRST,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID SUCH PEOPLE WOULD, INSTEAD, BLAME OTHERS WHEN IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE A GOOD WORK ETHICS, CAUSING THEM TO BE BACKWARD AND SCORNE AT BY OTHER PEOPLE.

HE STRESSED THAT THE INTEGRITY OF A PARTICULAR NATION IS WITH ITSELF TO DECIDE ON ITS GROUP'S WORK ETHICS.

-- BERNAMA 1810/AZ