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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 2 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER/DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAYS THAT THE HOUSING DEVELOPERS' ASSOCIATION SHOULD HAVE A PLACE FOR ITS CODE OF ETHICS AND THE COMMUNITY'S INTERESTS.

SPEAKING AT THE ASSOCIATION'S DINNER HERE TONIGHT, HE SAID THAT EVERY PROFESSION NEEDED A CODE OF ETHICS DRAWN UP BY THE PROFESSION ITSELF.

HE SAID THAT TO ENSURE THAT THE CODE OF ETHICS WAS EFFECTIVE, A PROFESSION MUST BE ABLE TO DISCIPLINE ITS MEMBERS.

IN THIS MATTER, THE BODY CHOSEN TO ENFORCE THE CODE MUST BE SINCERE AND NOT ACT BECAUSE OF THE INTERESTS OF CERTAIN QUARTERS.

APART FROM THE CODE OF ETHICS, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SHOULD ALSO EMPHASISE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. -- MORE 2315/MB

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HE SAID A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION WAS NOT A TRADE UNION.

"THREATS TO INCONVENIENCE THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF UNSATISFACTORY RESPONSE TO ANY CLAIM OR OTHER THINGS SUCH NOT BE SUPPORTED OR USED BY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ASSOCIATION SHOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST ANY MEMBER WHO TARNISHES THE GOOD NAME OF THE PROFESSION BY HIS IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS AGAINST THE COMMUNITY."

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD ALSO RAISE THE PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR MEMBERS THROUGH PUBLICATIONS, SEMINARS, COURSES AND SO ON.

IN THIS WAY THE STANDARD OF PROFESSIONALISM IN THE COUNTRY WOULD NOT ONLY BE ENHANCED BUT THE PROFESSIONS THEMSELVES WOULD ALSO BE RESPECTED, HE SAID. -- 2325/MB

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE GOOD THAT WAS DERIVED FROM THE POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS IN THE WEST, HE HOPED THAT THE STAND OF MALAYSIAN PROFESSIONAL BODIES WOULD ALSO BE BASED ON SIMILAR PRACTICES.

HE FELT THAT THE MALAYSIAN HOUSING DEVELOPERS' ASSOCIATION HAD SHOWN ITS INTENTION TO ADOPT A MORE RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY.

HE SAID IT WAS TRUE THAT SOME ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS HINDERED THE WORK OF THE HOUSING DEVELOPERS'.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW CONSULTING WITH THOSE CONCERNED AND WOULD RECTIFY ANY ERRORS.

HOWEVER, THE ASSOCIATION SHOULD ALSO TRY TO OVERCOME SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ITSELF. - MORE 2358/BW

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT.

AS SUCH OBSTRUCTION WAS NOT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

HE HOPED THAT A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE CREATED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ASSOCIATION. -- BERNAMA 2358/MB