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ALUR SETAR, DEC. 16 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHTHIR MOHAMAD  
SAID TODAY THAT WHILE DIFFERENCES IN ETHNIC DESCENT AND CULTURES  
AMONG THE PEOPLE WERE ACCEPTABLE, DIFFERENCES IN DEVELOPMENT COULD  
NOT BE ACCEPTED BECAUSE THESE DIFFERENCES COULD ALWAYS BE OVERCOME.  
THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED HOWEVER THAT PRUDENCE WAS ESSENTIAL  
IN EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE DEVELOPMENT DIFFERENCES AMONG THE COMMUNITIES

THERE MUST BE SOUND DISCERNMENT IN DETERMINING THE THINGS THAT  
COULD BE CHANGED AND THE THINGS THAT COULD NOT BE MEDDLED WITH.

INAUGURATING THE KEDAH YOUTH COUNCIL MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE  
AND OPENING ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE DATUK SYED OMAR  
STADIUM HERE, HE SAID THE COUNTRY WAS EXPERIENCING CHANGES EVERY  
MINUTE AND IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT EACH CHANGE CONFORMED  
WITH THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE.

+THERE ARE DIFFERENCES IN RACE, CULTURES AND DEVELOPMENT AND  
THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY IS AIMED AT ACHIEVING MULTI-RACIAL  
EQUALITY IN DEVELOPMENT,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE 1526/MK

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE RACES WAS CRUCIAL FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY AIMED AT STRIKING A BALANCE IN PROGRESS AMONG THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES SO AS TO ERADICATE ENVY BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES.

+THERE WILL BE CHAOS AND TURMOIL IF WE CHANGE WHAT CANNOT BE CHANGED AND NEGLECT WHAT CAN BE CHANGED,+ HE SAID.

+THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE SUCCESSFUL SHOULD STOP PROGRESSING TO ENABLE THE UNSUCCESSFUL TO CATCH UP WITH THEM.+

SUCH A MOVE WOULD HAVE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE GROWTH OF THE COUNTRY, HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT IT WAS NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THOSE HAD BEEN BEHIND IN PROGRESS TO MOVE FASTER TO CATCH UP WITH THOSE ALREADY IN FRONT, AS WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE CASE OF JAPAN.

THE KEY TO SUCCESS WAS THE DETERMINATION TO MAKE THE ATTEMPT AND TO WORK HARD AND IT WAS NOT A FACT OF LIFE THAT THE BACKWARD WOULD ALWAYS REMAIN BACKWARD. -- MORE 1630/MK

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THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT THE LOOK EAST POLICY REQUIRED THE PEOPLE TO ADOPT THE INDUSTRIOUS ATTITUDE OF THE JAPANESE TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY.

THE POLICY WAS AIMED AT UNCOVERING THE SECRET OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE, WHO WERE WILLING TO WORK HARD AND STRENGTHEN THEIR SELF-DISCIPLINE, AND NOT AT BUYING JAPANESE PRODUCTS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE POLICY WAS NOT MEANT TO TURN MALAYSIANS INTO JAPANESE BUT TO PROVIDE THE AVENUE FOR THEM TO LEARN THE VALUES OF HARD WORK, DISCIPLINE AND WORK ETHICS IN LINE WITH EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE IN THE WEST HAD NOW BECOME LAZY AND THEIR EXAMPLE SHOULD NOT BE COPIED BY MALAYSIANS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO HOPED THAT THE YOUTH ACQUIRED THE PATIENCE AND MENTAL GROWTH NECESSARY TO TAKE OVER FROM THEIR ELDERS.

EVERY GROUP IN SOCIETY HAD A ROLE TO PLAY TO CREATE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NATION. -- BERNAMA 1634/MK