

MAHATHIR - INDUSTRIES

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Kuantan, Dec 19 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO PREPARE FOR MOVING INTO THE HEAVY INDUSTRIES ERA WHICH REQUIRES HIGH TECHNOLOGY SKILLS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ANY STATE WANTING HEAVY INDUSTRIES TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THEIR AREAS MUST FIRST HAVE THE SKILLED MANPOWER REQUIRED.

+I KNOW THAT EVERYONE WANT DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE HEAVY INDUSTRIES SECTOR, BUT THE MOVE WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE IF THERE ARE NO PREPARATIONS TO PRODUCE THE SKILLED PERSONNEL REQUIRED BY THE INDUSTRIES.+

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO MALAYSIA PRESIDENT AND PAHANG UMNO LIAISON CHIEF, MADE THE STATEMENTS WHEN CLOSING THE THIRD PAHANG UMNO CONVENTION ATTENDED BY ABOUT 400 STATE PARTY LEADERS AND MEMBERS.

HE WARNED AGAINST THE MISTAKE OF WANTING ESTABLISHMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AS PRESTIGE PROJECTS TO DEMONSTRATE THE DEVELOPMENT LEVEL OF AN AREA. -- MORE 1705/PA

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THE WORKFORCE IN HEAVY INDUSTRIES MUST BE COMMITTED TO THEIR WORK TO ENSURE THE INDUSTRIES PROFITTED NOT JUST THE GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE FIRM SETTING THEM UP BUT ALSO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+WHEREVER I GO, INCLUDING TO MELAKA YESTERDAY AND PAHANG TODAY, CHIEF MINISTERS AND MENTERIS BESAR HAVE APPEALED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES,+ HE ADDED.

+HOWEVER, I WONDER WHAT PREPARATIONS THEY HAD MADE FOR THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH ENTERPRISES.+

HE STRESSED THAT WITHOUT THE RIGHT MANAGEMENT AND RIGHT TYPE OF WORKERS WHO WERE INDUSTRIOUS, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY AND WILLING TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF THE JOB, THE BENEFITS OF HAVING HEAVY INDUSTRIES WOULD NOT BE FULLY ATTAINED.

+I WANT EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THIS AND NOT HAVE THE ATTITUDE THAT IT IS ENOUGH MERELY TO HAVE HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND LEAVE THEIR RUNNING TO THE GOVERNMENT.+

HE SAID HEAVY INDUSTRIES WERE CAPITAL INTENSIVE AND MUST BE MANAGED PROPERLY OTHERWISE THE FUNDS INVESTED IN THEM WOULD GO TO WASTE. -- MORE 1737/PA

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ON PAHANG, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE STATE ALREADY HAD A HEAVY INDUSTRY PROJECT IN THE FORM OF THE Kuantan PORT WHICH WOULD BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR.

HE URGED THE PEOPLE IN THE STATE TO PLAY THEIR PART IN MAKING A SUCCESS OF THE PORT, REGARDED AS THE +PREMIER PORT+ FOR THE EAST COAST.

GOOD MANAGEMENT AND GOOD WORKERS WOULD ENCOURAGE SHIPPERS TO DISCHARGE THEIR CARGO AT THE PORT, AND PAHANG WOULD STAND TO GAIN IF BUSINESS TURNOVER WAS GOOD.

HE HOPED WORKERS OF THE PORT WOULD NOT BE INFLUENCED BY ATTEMPTS OF AN +OUTSIDE+ GROUP TO PERSUADE THEM TO STRIKE IF NOT GIVEN HIGHER ALLOWANCES AND TO REFUSE OVERTIME WORK.

STRIKES OR WORK BOYCOTTS BY PORT WORKERS WERE REPORTED IN THE +SHIPPING NEWS+ AND SUCH REPORTS WOULD CAUSE SHIPPERS TO DETOUR TO OTHER +SAFER+ PORTS, HE SAID. --, MORE 1739/PA

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS LATER PRESENTED WITH A SOUVENIR IN THE FORM OF A PAHANG KERIS AND A CHEQUE FOR \$212,000 FOR THE UMNO MALAYSIA COMPLEX PROJECT FUND.

HE WAS ACCORDED A STATE TRADITIONAL WELCOME COMPLETE WITH PRESENTATION OF THE PAHANG DIKIR AND SILAT DEMONSTRATION ON ARRIVAL FOR THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE CONVENTION. -- BERNAMA 1741/PA