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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 19 (BERNAMA) - DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENT STAFF GIVE SOME OF THEIR TIME SPECIALLY TO THE SOCIETY AND THE COUNTRY BY STAYING BACK FOR 15 MINUTES AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

THE TIME GIVEN WOULD BE THEIR VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY AND THE NATION ...+ GOD WILLING WE WILL ALL BE REWARDED,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID AMIDST CHEERS FROM THE 10,000 GOVERNMENT STAFF WHO PARTICIPATED AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE CAMPAIGN.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT HE WAS MERELY MAKING A SUGGESTION AND WAS NOT FORCING ANYONE TO TAKE IT UP.

IN A LIGHTER VEIN, HE SAID THAT SINCE IT WOULD BE A GOOD PRACTICE TO DO SO, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE COUNTRY AND THE COMMUNITY WOULD NOT DISAPPOINT HIM IN TAKING UP HIS SUGGESTION.

+WE MUST REMEMBER THAT OUR PLEDGE WOULD NOT BE FULFILLED BY SUCH VOLUNTARY SERVICE ONLY. THERE ARE MANY MORE WHICH SHOULD BE PRACTISED FOR THE PLEDGE MADE TO BE MEANINGFUL,+ HE SAID.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HIS SUGGESTION WAS A SYMBOL OF GOVERNMENT STAFF'S PLEDGE TO SHOW GOOD EXAMPLES, PRACTISE NOBLE VALUES, MAKE THE COUNTRY MORE STABLED AND PROGRESSIVE AND THE SOCIETY UNITED AND SUCCESSFUL.

TO SHOW THAT THE PLEDGE MADE WAS A SINCERE AND HONEST ONE, THEY MUST HOLD FAST TO THAT PLEDGE BY MAKING A SACRIFICE AS PROOF OF THAT PLEDGE, HE SAID.

HE BELIEVED THAT THE EXAMPLE SHOWN BY GOVERNMENT STAFF TODAY WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND HELP MAKE THE CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR REITERATED THE NEED FOR THE PEOPLE TO BE CLEAN EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY, HARDWORKING AND DISCIPLINED IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A COUNTRY WHICH IS SAFE AND PROGRESSIVE. --
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HE SAID THAT IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE PEOPLE AND ENSURE HARMONY IN THE COMMUNITY THE PEOPLE COULD EITHER MAKE CHOICES THAT COULD GIVE THEM SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM BENEFITS.

THOSE WHO ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE OVERPOWERED BY THEIR OWN DESIRES WOULD CHOOSE SHORT CUTS TO GET SHORT-TERM BENEFITS THEY COULD ENJOY EARLIER BUT WHICH WOULD ULTIMATELY DESTROY THEM.

THOSE WHO ALWAYS PLACED TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE ON SHORT-TERM GAINS ARE THE ONES WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CORRUPTION AND OTHER MALPRACTICES, HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER APPEALED TO THE PEOPLE TO CONSIDER LONG-TERM BENEFITS BY WORKING HARD FROM NOW AS IT WOULD NOT ONLY BENEFIT THEM ULTIMATELY BUT WOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN ENJOY THE BENEFITS REaped BY A MORE PROSPEROUS COUNTRY.

THEY WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO LIVE IN DIGNITY AND BE RESPECTED BY ALL
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