

MAHATHIR-TRUSTWORTHY
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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 19 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHA-
MAH WANTS THE GOVERNMENT SERVANTS TO PLEDGE TO DEVELOP THE VALUES
OF CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY CONCEPT ADVOCATED BY THE
GOVERNMENT AND ENSURE THAT THEY ARE TRULY PRACTISED.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT A CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUST-
WORTHY GOVERNMENT WOULD LEAD TO AN EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION, AN
INCREASE IN PRODUCTIVITY AND A STABLE, AND STRONG COUNTRY.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE ORIGINAL PROMISE WAS MADE ONLY BY GOVERNMENT
LEADERS AND NO SIMILAR PROMISE WAS MADE BY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS
AND STAFF THAT THEIR WORK WOULD BRING ABOUT THE DESIRED RESULTS.

+THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN EXTENDING THIS PROMISE
TO GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND STAFF. THAT IS WHY WE ARE ALL GATHERED
HERE TODAY TO MAKE THIS PLEDGE,+ HE TOLD THE 10,000 GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE CAMPAIGN AT
THE STADIUM TUN ABDUL PAZAK HERE.

CITING THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY
CONCEPT, HE SAID THAT IT WAS INTRODUCED BECAUSE NOT ONLY WOULD IT
EXPEDITE DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO ENABLE THE PEOPLE TO LIVE A BETTER
LIFE THROUGH PRACTISING THESE NOBLE VALUES. -- MORE 1553/QM
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AS SUCH, HE SAID, ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SHOULD RENEW
THEIR DETERMINATION TO RAISE THEIR LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT AND
QUALITY OF WORK IN LINE WITH THE ASPIRATION TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL
WELL-BEING STRENGTH AND SOVEREIGNTY.

HE SAID THAT WITHOUT A CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY
ADMINISTRATION AT ALL LEVELS, FROM THE POLITICAL LEADERS AND
HIGH CIVIL SERVANTS TO THE OFFICE BOYS, THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE
WOULD NOT PROSPER AND WOULD NOT BE RESPECTED BY ANYONE.

+OUR FREEDOM WOULD HAVE BEEN IN VAIN BECAUSE OUR DIGNITY
WOULD REMAIN AT ITS FORMER LEVEL, THE LEVEL OF A COLONISED
PEOPLE, WHERE WE ARE LOOKED DOWN UPON.+

+WE CANNOT BLAME ANYONE FOR OUR PRESENT PREDICAMENT BECAUSE
OUR FATE HAS BEEN IN OUR OWN HANDS FOR THE PAST 26 YEARS,+
HE SAID.

HOWEVER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT BEING CLEAN,
EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY WAS NOT ENOUGH BECAUSE IT WAS ALSO
NECESSARY TO HAVE DISCIPLINE, GOOD BEHAVIOUR, COURAGE, DILIGENCE
AND OTHER NOBLE QUALITIES ENJOINED BY RELIGION THAT COULD HELP
MAKE THIS A BETTER COUNTRY. --MORE 1700/ND

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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WANTED THE COUNTRY TO PROGRESS,
NOT BECAUSE OF ITS DESIRE TO HAVE A GOOD LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE
BUT BECAUSE IT WAS AWARE THAT OTHERS WOULD NOT RESPECT A BACKWARD
COUNTRY OR PEOPLE.

HE SAID THAT ONLY THOSE WITHOUT HONOUR WOULD ALLOW THEIR
COUNTRY AND PEOPLE BE SLIGHTED BY OTHERS AND IT WAS THE
GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE TO UPHOLD THE COUNTRY'S AND PEOPLE'S
SOVEREIGNTY AND HONOUR.

+TO PRESERVE OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND HONOUR, WE MUST MASTER ALL
THE SKILLS NOW POSSESSED BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS IT IS ONLY
WHEN WE ARE AT PAR WITH THEM THAT WE WILL NOT BE TREATED AS A
CHILD.+

HE SAID THAT EFFICIENCY WOULD COME ONLY THROUGH TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AND AS SUCH ALL GOVERNMENT SERVANTS SHOULD PRACTISE A CERTAIN JOB AND AT ALL TIMES TRY TO IMPROVE THEIR CAPABILITY THROUGH RESEARCH AND EDUCATION.

+EVERY ONE OF US POSSESS SPECIAL CAPABILITY AND THIS CAPABILITY CAN BE DEVELOPED THROUGH CONSTANT PRACTICE.+ --MORE
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MAHATHIR-TRUSTWORTHY IN KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BE TRUSTWORTHY BECAUSE DISORDER WOULD RESULT IF GOVERNMENT SERVANTS ENTRUSTED WITH MANAGING THE GOVERNMENT'S AND THE PEOPLE'S PROPERTY COULD NOT BE TRUSTED.

HE URGED THEM NOT TO ABUSE THEIR AUTHORITY EITHER IN ISSUING HAWKERS' LICENCES OR APPROVING MULTI-MILLION RINGGIT PROJECTS AS SUCH ACTIONS WOULD HAVE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE COMMUNITY.

+IF LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC ARE LOST, OR PAYMENTS ARE NOT MADE ON SCHEDULE, OR DIRECTIVES ARE IGNORED, THEN THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BECOME WEAKENED, AND THE COUNTRY WILL REMAIN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, ITS PEOPLE LOOKED DOWN UPON BY OTHERS,+ HE SAID. --BERNAMA 1730/MD