

MAHATHIR-DEVELOPMENT

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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 18 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD REITERATED TODAY THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO BRING THE COUNTRY TO GREATER HEIGHTS OF DEVELOPMENT.

THIS, HE SAID, COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE PRACTICE OF THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED CONCEPT WHICH WAS INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT +TO MAKE CLEAR THE RATIONALE FOR A SPECIAL EFFORT TO BE MADE FOR MAKING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR COOPERATION MORE MEANINGFUL AND MORE PRODUCTIVE+.

HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THERE WERE STILL UNCLEAR PERCEPTIONS ON THE PROCESS OF NATION BUILDING AND HOW BEST IT COULD BE ACHIEVED AS PROVEN BY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, FOR INSTANCE JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA.

+DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS REQUIRE THE COMMITMENT, SUPPORT, INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF EVERYONE +HE SAID IN HIS SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (AIESEC) SEMINAR ON MALAYSIA INCORPORATED AT THE ASIA-PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT CENTRE HERE.

THE SPEECH WAS READ BY THE MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, DATUK DR. JAMES ONGKILI.

THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR, JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY UNIVERSITI MALAYA AND UNITED MALAYAN BANKING CORPORATION (UMBC), IS BEING ATTENDED BY ABOUT 80 MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ACADEMICIANS AS WELL AS STUDENTS FROM 12 COUNTRIES INCLUDING MALAYSIA, JAPAN, KOREA, NEW ZEALAND AND INDIA.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID, +WHILE THE GOVERNMENT PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE, DEVELOPMENT MUST BE A POPULAR PROCESS- IT MUST BE A PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT. IN A SENSE IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS AND CONCEPTS OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH SHOULD ASSIST US IN BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND HANDLING IT, TEND TO GIVE RISE TO OTHER PROBLEMS+.

+EVEN WHEN DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY STRESSED AS A TOTALITY, REQUIRING INTEGRATION AND EFFECTIVE COORDINATION, PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION AND RESEARCH AND EVALUATION- WE FIND THAT THIS IS HARD TO COME BY+, HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THIS WAS DUE TO THE LACK OF THE RIGHT ATTITUDE AND PERCEPTION THAT, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE GOVERNMENT SECTOR WERE WORKING TOWARDS A COMMON GOOD IN THEIR UNDERTAKINGS.

+THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN MALAYSIA BUT ACTIVE SUPPORT ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISES AND VICE VERSA IS NOT QUITE WELL DEVELOPED. INDEED IN SOME UNFORTUNATE INSTANCES A CONFRONTATIONAL ATTITUDE IS ADOPTED TO THE DETRIMENT OF BOTH.

+IT IS WITH THIS BACKGROUND THAT THE CONCEPT MALAYSIA INCORPORATED WAS INTRODUCED+, HE ADDED.

ATTENTION EDITORS URGENT CORRECTION

IN BERNAMA ITEM 62 PLEASE READ LAST LINE IN THE LAST PARA:  
THEY SHOULD NOT RPT SHOULD NOT REGARD THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS ADVERSARY  
OR COMPETITIORS:

CORRECTED REPETITION FOLLOWS

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DATUK SERI DR.MAHATHIR SAID THE COOPERATION BETWEEN PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT SECTOR HAD BECOME MORE IMPORTANT BECAUSE PRIVATE SECTOR HAD AN EXPANDED ROLE TO PLAY UNDER THE FOURTH MALAYSIA PLAN.

HE SAID THAT THE PLAN STATED THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR'S STRATEGIC ROLE WAS CLEARLY SHOWN BY THE LARGE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL INVESTMENT TO BE MET BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ACCOUNTING FOR 72.7 PER CENT FROM 1981 TO 1985.

THE GOVERNMENT ON THE OTHER HAND HAD TO INCUR HUGE OPERATING COSTS WHICH WAS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE REGION OF \$17 BILLION WHICH WAS FAIRLY CLOSE TO ITS EXPECTED REVENUE OF ABOUT \$18.5 BILLION FOR THE YEAR 1983.

COMPARING OPERATING EXPENDITURE TO DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE IN 1981, HE SAID THAT FOR EVERY RINGGIT THE GOVERNMENT SPENT ON DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE, IT SPENT TWO RINGGIT ON OPERATING EXPENDITURE.

DATUK SERI DR.MAHATHIR SAID THAT +WE MUST RECOGNISE THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS ALWAYS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MEETING DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES OF THE NATION+.

HE SAID THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED CONCEPT SHOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR A NEW WORKING STYLE ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC SERVANTS WITH WHICH THEY SHOULD NOT REGARD THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS ADVERSARY OR COMPETITORS. --BERNAMA 1730/MD