

ABDULLAH - PRIVATISATION

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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 25 (BERNAMA) -- AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO FORMULATE A PLAN FOR SELECTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE PRIVATISATION. MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK ABDULLAH HAJI AHMAD BADAWI SAID TODAY.

THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS HEADED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT, TAN SRI SALLEHUDDIN MOHAMAD, WAS NOW EXAMINING AREAS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HE SAID AT A LUNCHEON ORGANIZED BY THE MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION HERE.

HE SAID OTHER ASPECTS WHICH WERE BEING STUDIED BY THE COMMITTEE INCLUDED ENSURING THAT PRIVATISATION WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY, EVALUATING THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, PRICING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES, AND THE POSSIBLE EFFECT IT WAS LIKELY TO HAVE ON THE EMPLOYEES' WELFARE.

A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL WORKING COMMITTEES, HE SAID, HAD ALSO BEEN ESTABLISHED TO EXAMINE THE TECHNICAL DETAILS OF PRIVATISATION FOR VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

TO SPEED UP IMPLEMENTATION, VARIOUS AGENCIES HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO PROCEED WITH EXAMINING THE AREAS THAT COULD BE PRIVATISED AND THESE EFFORTS WOULD BE COORDINATED BY THESE COMMITTEES. -- MORE --
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ON THE 'MALAYSIA-INCORPORATED' CONCEPT, DATUK ABDULLAH BADAWI HAD DIRECTED DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO REVIEW THEIR POLICIES AND IMPROVE ON THEIR PROCEDURES.

ON ITS PART, THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD COMPLEMENT A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR, PARTICULARLY IN RESEARCH, TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT, WHILE ENCOURAGING PERSONNEL EXCHANGES TO ENCOURAGE CROSS-FERTILISATION OF IDEAS, HE SAID.

THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES SHOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED AND VARIOUS COMMITTEES WITH PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATION SHOULD ALSO BE CONCERNED WITH FURTHER RAISING THE STANDARD OF COOPERATION, HE ADDED.

THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MALAYSIA-INCORPORATED CONCEPT, DATUK ABDULLAH BADAWI SAID, REQUIRED CHANGES IN ATTITUDES, WORKING ARRANGMENTS AND PROCEDURES IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

HOWEVER, BOTH SIDES SHOULD REMOVE ALL CONFRONTATIONAL POSTURES AND ATTITUDES ON BOTH SIDES AND BUILD UP A FOUNDATION FOR FULL COOPERATION. -- BERNAMA 1900/II