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EMBARGO: FOR AUTOMATIC RELEASE AT 9.30 P.M. TODAY, DEC. 31)

KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 31 (BERNAMA)-- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD CONSIDER LONG-TERM GAINS TO SOCIETY AND NOT BE MATERIALISTIC.

THEY SHOULD NOT THINK ONLY OF IMMEDIATE BENEFITS FOR THEMSELVES, HE SAID, AND ADDED THAT LONG-TERM GAINS TO SOCIETY WOULD ULTIMATELY BE ENJOYED BY THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

IN HIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, THE PEOPLE SHOULD CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES WITH HONESTY AND DEDICATION AND NOT THINK ONLY IN TERMS OF REMUNERATION.

HE URGED THE PEOPLE TO HELP PUT INTO PRACTICE THE LOOK EAST POLICY AND THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED AND PRIVATISATION CONCEPTS AND NOT WASTE THEIR TIME MERELY DISCUSSING THEM.

HE ALSO SPOKE ON THE +LEADING BY EXAMPLE+ CONCEPT AND THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO INSTIL ISLAMIC VALUES IN THE ADMINISTRATION.
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HE SAID THAT THE VALUES TAUGHT IN ISLAM WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON HARD WORK, HONESTY, CONSIDERATENESS AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AMONG OTHER THINGS WERE ACCEPTABLE TO PEOPLE OF ALL RELIGIONS.

ON THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS ISSUE, HE SAID THIS HAD BEEN RESOLVED +IN KEEPING WITH OUR WAYS AND TRADITIONS.+

HE SAID THAT THE SUCCESS IN SETTLING THE ISSUE HAD STRENGTHENED THE GOVERNMENT'S BELIEF THAT ALL PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED WITH THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT AND WITH SOLIDARITY AMONG ALL.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: +WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPHOLD PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY AND CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY.+

HE ALSO SAID THE SECURITY SITUATION HAD IMPROVED, AND THAT THE THREAT FROM THE COMMUNISTS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS HAD BEEN CHECKED.

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