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SUBANG, APRIL 24 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT ALL BUILDINGS IN THE COUNTRY SHOULD NOT ONLY BE BEAUTIFUL BUT PROPERLY MAINTAINED.

AS SUCH ALL OWNERS OF BUILDINGS IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS SHOULD MAKE PROVISIONS FOR MAINTENANCE COST, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

+I FIND THAT MOST BUILDINGS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE BEAUTIFUL AND WELL-EQUIPPED, BUT WE DO NOT MAINTAIN THEM PROPERLY,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE 946.6 MILLION SUBANG INTERNATIONAL AIRTEL COMPLEX, WHICH HOUSES AN INTERNATIONAL-CLASS HOTEL, OFFICE SPACE AND SHOPPING LOTS, AMONG OTHERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT ANYONE WISHING TO PUT UP A BUILDING SHOULD MAKE PROVISIONS FOR MAINTENANCE COST OF AT LEAST 10 PER CENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION COST.

-- HORE 1520/MB

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID: +OUR BUILDINGS AND HOUSES ARE IN DISREPAIR SOON AFTER THEY ARE COMPLETED. OUR PUBLIC TOILETS ARE A DISGRACE, OUR FOUNTAINS DO NOT WORK, OUR SWIMMING POOLS HAVE NO WATER...+

+ALL THIS SHOWS THAT WE DO NOT GIVE ENOUGH ATTENTION TO MAINTENANCE,+

HE HOPED THAT FIMA, WHICH RUNS THE COMPLEX, WOULD EMPHASISE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT WITH DEDICATED OFFICERS AND STAFF TO ENSURE THAT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES WERE SMOOTHLY CARRIED OUT.

HE DID NOT WANT THE MANAGEMENT TO BE NEGLIGENT, INCLUDING IN FINANCIAL MATTERS AND IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT HAVING A GOOD IDEA FOR A PROFITABLE VENTURE WAS NO GUARANTEE FOR SUCCESS. WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IDEA.

-- ORE 1545/MB

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE AIRTEL COMPLEX, WHICH WOULD ALSO CATER TO FOREIGN CLIENTS, MUST PROVIDE SATISFACTORY SERVICE. OTHERWISE, THE COUNTRY'S IMAGE WOULD SUFFER."

HE SAID THE STAFF SHOULD WATCH THEIR BEHAVIOUR BECAUSE IT COULD DETERMINE WHAT TOURISTS THOUGHT OF MALAYSIANS AS A WHOLE.

+IF THE TOURISTS RECEIVE GOOD SERVICE, THEY WILL KEEP COMING BACK. BUT, IF THEY ARE NOT ATTENDED TO SATISFACTORILY, THEY WILL LEAVE WITH A BAD IMPRESSION OF US,+ HE ADDED.

THE HOTEL WHICH OPENED FOR BUSINESS ON MARCH 15 HAS 152 ROOMS. THE CAR PARK FOR AIRPORT USERS HAS 446 BAYS.

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THE 22 SHOPPING LOTS WERE PROVIDED AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

FIMA CHAIRMAN DATUK HAJI BASIR ISMAIL SAID WORK ON THE COMPLEX COVERING MORE THAN NINE HECTARES BEGAN IN 1980 AND WAS COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE LAST YEAR.

-- BERNAMA 1630/MB