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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 14 (BERNAMA) -- GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES MUST KEEP UPGRADING THEIR EFFICIENCY ALTHOUGH THE CIVIL SERVICE HAS BEEN SHOWING INCREASING MATURITY9 DATUK SERIDR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT.

THEY NEED TO CONSTANTLY DO THIS BECAUSE OF9 AMONG OTHER THINGS9 ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY9 THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED AT A FAREWELL DINNER FOR FORMER CHIEF, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT TAN SRI HASHIM AMAN AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE.HERE.

IN SEEKING WAYS TO ENHANCE EFFICIENCY, THEY SHOULD 'STRIVE TO HAVE THE KIND OF SPIRIT AND INTEGRITY THAT HAD BEEN SHOWN BY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PERSONALITIES WHO HAD GIVEN EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY AND SOCIETY, HE ADDED.

BY THIS, HE DID NOT MEAN THAT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SHOULD LOOK FOR +HEROES+ IN THE CIVIL SERVICE9 HE SAID9 ADDING THAT +SUCH A THING SHOULD BE AVOIDED.+

WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS FOR THEM TO ACCEPT AND PROMOTE THE POSITIVE PRINCIPLES OF THOSE ENTRUSTED TO HOLD TOP POSTS9 INCLUDING THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT, A SECRETARY-GENERAL TO A MINISTRY, AND HEAD OF A DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY.-- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT EVERY OFFICER PROBABLY HAD SOME +NEGATIVE QUALITIES+ BUT THESE USUALLY GREATLY LESSEned WHEN HE OR SHE HELD A HIGH POST.

+WE SHOULD NOT MAKE THE NEGATIVE QUALITIES AN EXCUSE TO DISREGARD THE POSITIVE VALUES SHOWN BY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEADERS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT TAN SRI HASHIM HAD DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP AND SET AN EXAMPLE APPRECIATED BY NOT ONLY THE GOVERNMENT BUT CIVIL SERVANTS AS WELL.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT TAN SRI HASHIM, WHO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED PERNAS CHAIRMAN, WOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE THE GOVERNMENT.

+I AM SURE THAT PERNAS WILL BENEFIT FROM TAN SRI HASHIM'S EXPERIENCE,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT TAN SRI HASHIM, WHO HAD SERVED WITH THE GOVERNMENT FOR NEARLY 27 YEARS, HAD GIVEN EXCELLENT SERVICE AS CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID HE GOT TO KNOW TAN SRI HASHIM WELL WHEN TAN SRI HASHIM BECAME DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OF THE KELANTAN GOVERNMENT WHEN EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED IN THE STATE IN LATE 1977.

+THROUGH DEDICATED EFFORTS, HE WAS ABLE TO GET THE COOPERATION OF POLITICIANS AND ADMINISTRATORS AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS FOR THE PROGRESS AND WELL-BEING OF KELANTAN,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT ONE ADMIRABLE QUALITY OF TAN SRI HASHIM WAS HIS SHYNESS OF PUBLICITY.

WHILE MANY MADE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO GAIN PUBLIC ATTENTION, TAN SRI HASHIM MADE STATEMENTS ONLY WHEN NECESSARY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE

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MAHATHIR-SERVICE 4 KUALA LUMPUR (REOPENS ITEM)

TAN SRI HASHIM, IN HIS SPEECH, SAID HE AGREED WITH DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE WAS SHOWING INCREASING MATURITY.

HE SAID THIS WAS BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF DEGREE-HOLDERS IN THE SERVICE, AND PRAISE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO WORKED IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION.

HE THANKED THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRUST IT HAD SHOWN IN HIM, AND URGED CIVIL SERVANTS TO COOPERATE WITH HIS SUCCESSOR, TAN SRI SALLEHUDDIN.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA PRESENTED A MEMENTO TO TAN SRI HASHIM. -- BERNAMA