

MAHATHIR-WEALTH

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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 31. (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD URGED THE PEOPLE TODAY TO STRIVE FOR WEALTH AS PROSPERITY WILL BRING BENEFIT TO BOTH THE PEOPLE AND THE NATION.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IF THERE WERE WEALTHY PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY, OTHER PEOPLE WOULD ALSO STAND TO GAIN FROM IT.

+WITHOUT THE RICH, THE COLLECTION OF DONATIONS AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL,+ HE SAID.

AS SUCH, THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BELITTLE EFFORTS TO INCREASE ONE'S WEALTH AS IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO NOT ONLY THE RICH BUT OTHERS AS WELL, HE SAID WHEN OPENING A SYMPOSIUM ON BUMIPUTERAS AND THE NATIONAL ECONOMY HERE.

THE TWO-DAY SYMPOSIUM IS ORGANIZED BY THE FEDERAL TERRITORY BRANCH OF THE MALAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR CALLED ON SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMEN AND ENTREPRENEURS TO ASSIST BUMIPUTERAS TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL AS THIS WOULD BENEFIT THEM ALSO. -- MORE

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HE SAID THAT IF ALL THE PEOPLE WERE WEALTHY, THE GOODS PRODUCED BY THE RICH MANUFACTURERS COULD BE BOUGHT BY ALL AND THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BENEFIT THEM FURTHER.

+EVEN WITH GOOD MARKETING STRATEGY, IF THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY ARE POOR, THE GOODS MARKETED WILL NOT BE SALEABLE,+ HE ADDED.

+BECAUSE OF THIS, I OFTEN TELL THE FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO HELP US ATTAIN WEALTH AS WITH AN AFFLUENT SOCIETY, THEY WOULD HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY SELLING LUXURY ITEMS LIKE VIDEO CASSETTE PLAYERS IN THIS COUNTRY,+ HE SAID.

EARLIER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE MALAYSIAN MALAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, DR. NAWAWI MAT AWIN, WELCOMED THE PRIME MINISTER'S RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF A REVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL POLICY.

HE HOPED THAT THERE WOULD BE TAX AMENDMENTS TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE COUNTRY'S BUSINESS CLIMATE ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION.-- BERNAMA