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PETALING JAYA, AUG. 25 (BERNAMA) --- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD IS UNHAPPY THAT CORRUPTION CONTINUES TO EXIST IN THE COUNTRY DESPITE GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM THROUGH LEGISLATION AND INTRODUCTION OF THE CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY CONCEPT.

HE SAID THERE WERE PEOPLE ENTRUSTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CHECKING CORRUPTION WHO WERE THEMSELVES INVOLVED IN BREACH OF TRUST. + EVERYDAY WE HEAR OF CORRUPTION IN THE COUNTRY AND NOT JUST AMONG GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, WHICH SHOWS THAT DISHONESTY IS ALSO FOUND AMONG THE PUBLIC.

+ THIS PROBLEM ALSO INVOLVES POLITICIANS, BUSINESSMEN AND INDIVIDUALS, + HE ADDED WHEN LAUNCHING THE CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY COMPETITION FOR PETROL STATIONS AT THE SUBANG VIEW HOTEL HERE.

THE COMPETITION HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS IS OPEN TO ALL PETROL STATIONS IN THE COUNTRY AND IS DIVIDED INTO SEVEN ZONES. --MORE

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IN EFFORTS TO INSTIL THE ATTITUDE OF TRUSTWORTHINESS, LAWS HAD BEEN ENACTED AND OFFICERS EMPOWERED TO ENSURE THAT THIS SPIRIT TOOK ROOT AMONG THE PEOPLE.

+ THERE MAY BE SOME PEOPLE WHO FEEL I SHOULD NOT MENTION THE LACK OF TRUSTWORTHINESS IN THE COUNTRY. BUT IN THE QUESTION OF UPHOLDING HONESTY, WE ARE SOMETIMES PUT IN A DILEMMA AND A VICIOUS CIRCLE HAS EVEN EMERGED IN WHICH PEOPLE ENTRUSTED WITH UPHOLDING TRUST HAVE THEMSELVES BETRAYED THIS TRUST. +

IN VIEW OF THIS, THERE WAS A NEED FOR EVERYONE TO BE CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY IN THEIR DAILY LIFE.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT IF EVERYONE PRACTISED THE CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY CONCEPT, THE PROBLEM COULD BE OVERCOME AND THE GOVERNMENT COULD SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT THE VARIOUS BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS.

+ IF WE ARE TRUSTWORTHY IT WILL BENEFIT US, WE WILL NOT LOSE, + HE SAID..  
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THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO WANTED THE PEOPLE TO LAY STRESS ON CLEANLINESS. IF THEY KEPT THE TOWNS AND CITIES CLEAN, THE GOVERNMENT NEED NOT HAVE SO MANY WORKERS TO DO THE "CLEANING UP" AND THE MONEY SAVED COULD BE USED FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL INCLUDING PETROL KIOSK OPERATORS TO KEEP THEIR PREMISES CLEAN.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE ENCIK KAMARULZAMAN BAHADUN SAID THAT UNDER THE FIRST STAGE OF THE COMPETITION, THE STATIONS WOULD BE JUDGED BY PATRONS THROUGH FORMS TO BE PUBLISHED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS FOR TWO WEEKS FROM MONDAY.

TWENTY STATIONS FROM EACH ZONE SELECTED BY THE CUSTOMERS WOULD MOVE TO THE SECOND ROUND WHERE THEY WOULD BE JUDGED BY A PANEL.  
--BERNAMA