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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 19/ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS SAID THAT HE WILL LOOK INTO HOW THE GOVERNMENT CAN ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RECENT SECOND ASEAN EDITORS CONFERENCE.

BERNAMA GENERAL MANAGER ENCIK AHMAD MUSTAPHA HASSAN SAID THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD HIM THIS WHEN HE CALLED ON DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT HIM A COPY OF THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE HELD IN PULAU PINANG.

ENCIK AHMAD MUSTAPHA SAID THE CONFERENCE HAD DECIDED THAT BERNAMA, WHICH ORGANISED THE MEETING, SHOULD BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENTS IN THE ASEAN REGION THE DECISIONS MADE AT THE CONFERENCE.

BERNAMA HAS ESTABLISHED A SECRETARIAT TO ENSURE THAT THE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE ARE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE THE NEXT CONFERENCE IN INDONESIA IN 1987.

THE MEETING TODAY WITH DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF MEETINGS ENCIK AHMAD MUSTAPHA IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD WITH GOVERNMENTAL HEADS IN THE REGION. -- MORE

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ENCIK AHMAD MUSTAPHA SAID THAT DURING THE MEETING HE INFORMED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT TO PROMOTE A FREER AND MORE BALANCED FLOW OF INFORMATION, GOVERNMENTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF JOURNALISTS AND BE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THEM.

HE SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALWAYS BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO THE PRESS BUT THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PRESS PLAYING A RESPONSIBLE ROLE AND REPORTING NEWS IN PERSPECTIVE.

ENCIK AHMAD MUSTAPHA SAID THAT HE ALSO BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER OTHER KEY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF CONCESSIONARY TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFFS FOR THE MEDIA.

HE SAID THAT HE EMPHASISED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A NEW, MORE JUST AND BALANCED WORLD INFORMATION ORDER DEPENDED PRIMARILY ON THE ADOPTION OF SPECIAL LOW TARIFFS FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF NEWS AND INFORMATION.

ENCIK AHMAD MUSTAPHA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY BERNAMA SPECIAL FUNCTIONS EDITOR S.N.RAJAN, WHO WAS HEAD OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE. -- BERNAMA

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