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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC 11 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD REMINDED THE PEOPLE TONIGHT THAT ONLY POLITICAL STABILITY AND HARD WORK BY THE PEOPLE CAN GUARANTEE DEVELOPMENT IN ANY COUNTRY.

POLITICAL STABILITY IN A COUNTRY COULD BE ACHIEVED IF ALL THE PEOPLE ENJOYED THE NATION'S WEALTH EQUALLY AND FAIRLY, HE SAID AT A DINNER GIVEN BY THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HERE TO CELEBRATE HIS RETURN FROM CHINA RECENTLY.

HE SAID THAT TO GUARANTEE CONTINUED POLITICAL STABILITY THE GOVERNMENT HAD DRAWN UP GUIDELINES AND SPECIFIC POLICIES TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTRY'S WEALTH WAS ENJOYED BY ALL.

+IF EQUALITY IS NOT ACHIEVE, DISSATISFACTION WILL ARISE AND VARIOUS SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS WILL FOLLOW,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID WEALTH ALONE WAS MEANINGLESS IF NOT ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL STABILITY.

HE GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WHICH REPRESENTED THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY WOULD DO ITS BEST TO BE FAIR TO ALL STRATA OF SOCIETY IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR RACE OR RELIGION.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO SATISFY ALL QUARTERS AND ANY DISSATISFACTION AMONG CERTAIN QUARTERS WAS ONLY BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO GIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO OTHERS WHO LAGGED BEHIND THEM.

+IF ALL THE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THIS I AM SURE THAT THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY WILL BE BETTER AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WILL RUN MORE SMOOTHLY,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
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ON THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC SITUATION, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID INDUSTRIALISTS IN THE COUNTRY MUST HELP IT OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS IT WAS FACING DUE TO THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN.

+IF THE INDUSTRIALISTS CUT DOWN UNNECESSARY COSTS, IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY WITH MINIMUM EXPENDITURE AND DIVERSIFY PRODUCTION THE PROBLEMS CAN BE LESSENED, IF NOT COMPLETELY OVERCOME,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SUGGESTED THAT THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY WORK TOGETHER WITH THE MALAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO EXPAND TRADE WITH CHINA. -- BERNAMA
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