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JOHOR BAHRU, NOV 20 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY TOLD THE PEOPLE TO CAST OFF ANY FEELING OF ENVY AND JEALOUSY TOWARDS SUCCESSFUL AND PROFITABLE LOCAL FIRMS.

INSTEAD, ALL QUARTERS SHOULD GIVE EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT TO SUCH FIRMS TO ENSURE THEY CONTINUED MAKING PROFITS, HE SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF WILL GIVE ATTENTION TO THESE LOCAL COMPANIES,+ HE ADDED WHEN RECEIVING 15 FLOOD OPERATIONS RESCUE BOATS DONATED BY DESTINATION MARINE SERVICES SDN BHD, A BUMIPUTERA SHIPYARD COMPANY, IN BAKAR BATU NEAR HERE.

+IF WE AWARD CONTRACTS TO LOCAL COMPANIES, THE BENEFITS WILL GO TO NOT JUST THE COMPANIES BUT ALSO THEIR WORKERS AND THOSE INVOLVED IN SUPPORT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SUPPLIERS,+ HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ON A ONE-DAY VISIT TO JOHOR, IMPRESSED ON ALL QUARTERS THE NEED FOR DEDICATION AND INTEREST WHEN VENTURING INTO ANY BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY. -- MORE
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+IF THERE IS INTEREST, WE CAN DO ANY JOB OTHERS CAN. EVEN IF WE FACE DIFFICULTY INITIALLY, WE CAN ACQUIRE THE EXPERTISE THROUGH PERSEVERANCE.

+THIS CAN BE CLEARLY SEEN IN THE CASE OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR WHERE OUR WORKERS WERE ABLE TO GRASP SKILLS AND DO JOBS LIKE THE OTHER WORKERS WITHIN A SHORT TIME.

+THEREFORE, WE HAVE TO REALLY STRIVE TO SUCCEED IN ANY TASK ENTRUSTED TO US,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WANTED BOTH WORKERS AND MANagements TO EMULATE WORK ETHICS OF COUNTRIES LIKE JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN WHICH HAD BEEN ABLE TO HOLD THEIR OWN AGAINST WESTERN NATIONS.

+THIS IS THE RESULT OF DEDICATION AT ALL LEVELS OF WORKERS, THE MANAGEMENT AND OWNERS. ALL HAVE TO BE DEDICATED, DISCIPLINED AND COMMITTED TO SUCCEED,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE
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ON DESTINATION MARINE SERVICES, SET UP 11 YEARS AGO TO REPAIR AND BUILD BOATS FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE MARINE POLICE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH ITS PERFORMANCE DESPITE THE ECONOMIC RECESSION.

+THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMES COMPANIES THAT CAN STILL MAKE MONEY DURING THE RECESSION,+ HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS LATER TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE SHIPYARD BY THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR KHALID GHOUSE. PRESENT WERE JOHOR MENTERI BESAR HAJI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN, STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

THE RESCUE BOATS WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL FOR DISTRIBUTION TO FLOOD-PRONE AREAS. -- BERNAMA
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