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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 20 (BERNAMA) -- THE FIFTH MALAYSIA PLAN TO BE TABLED IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT TOMORROW BY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD IS EXPECTED TO EMPHASISE ON DEVELOPMENT BASED ON GROWTH WITH STABILITY.

THE RATIONALE BEHIND THIS EMPHASIS, ACCORDING TO PLANNERS, IS DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND THE WEAK COMMODITY MARKETS, PARTICULARLY TIN AND PETROLEUM.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONSTRAINTS BOTH IN THE EXTERNAL SECTOR AND IN THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY, THE COUNTRY NEEDS TO CONTINUE UNDERTAKING ADJUSTMENT POLICIES AND STRATEGIES.

IN THIS RESPECT, MEASURES ARE NECESSARY TO FURTHER CONTAIN THE DEFICITS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR BUDGETARY ACCOUNT AND THE CURRENT ACCOUNT OF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AS WELL AS THE RISING DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS.

AS SUCH, PLANNERS ARE EXPECTED TO EFFECT THE EXPANSION OF THE ECONOMY WITH LIMITED AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND NOT RESORTING TO GREATER DEPENDENCE ON EXTERNAL BORROWING. -- MORE
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THE DIM PROSPECTS FOR WORLD ECONOMIC EXPANSION HAVE NOT HOWEVER DAMPENED THE OPTIMISM OF PLANNERS FOR NATIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH AS THEY SAID ADJUSTMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO THE FMP.

+THE FMP IS NOT A STATIC DOCUMENT,+ ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT DIRECTOR-GENERAL DATUK SERI RADIN SOENARNO TOLD MASS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT A BRIEFING ON THE FMP HERE TODAY.

HE STRESSED THAT THE FMP IS A +LIVING+ DOCUMENT WHICH COULD BE ADJUSTED ACCORDING TO WORLD ECONOMIC EXPANSION.

IN SPITE OF THIS, THE FMP WILL FOCUS BASICALLY ON MORE CONCERTED EFFORTS TO MOBILISE DOMESTIC RESOURCES AS WELL AS INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY.

THESE ARE IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT GREATER ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL STABILITY WILL BE ATTAINED, THE PLANNERS SAID. -- MORE
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THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, TOGETHER WITH THE PRIVATE AND AGRICULTURE SECTORS, IS EXPECTED TO LEAD THE GROWTH OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL REPRESENT THE PRINCIPAL THRUST FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE ECONOMY DURING THE FMP PERIOD FROM THE RAPID GROWTH OF ITS INVESTMENT.

WHEN HE TABLES THE FMP TOMORROW, THE PRIME MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO CALL ON THE PEOPLE TO WORK WITH EVEN MORE DILIGENCE AND TO EQUIP THEMSELVES TO FACE THE BIG SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CHALLENGES AHEAD. -- BERNAMA
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