

MAHATHIR-ATTITUDE

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LUNDU (SARAWAK), APRIL 11 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY URGED THE PEOPLE TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE AND NOT TO ISOLATE THEMSELVES IF THEY WISH TO PROGRESS.

+WHILE THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE CAPITAL AND OTHER FACILITIES, THE PEOPLE MUST WORK HARD TO EXPLOIT THE COUNTRY'S ABUNDANT RESOURCES,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER WHO IS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SARAWAK WAS LAUNCHING THE STATE'S FIRST FELDA SCHEME AT KAMPUNG SINIBUNG, ABOUT 5KM FROM HERE.

THE PEOPLE MUST CHANGE THEIR OLD STYLE OF FARMING IF THEY WISHED TO COMPETE WITH OTHERS, HE SAID.

IF THEY DID NOT OPT FOR MODERN FARMING METHODS THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO LIVE IN POVERTY, HE ADDED. -- MORE
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CHANGES WERE ALWAYS OCCURRING IN RURAL AS WELL AS URBAN AREAS AND IT WAS UP TO THE PEOPLE TO GET ATTUNED TO SUCH CHANGES, HE SAID.

ISOLATION WOULD BRING NO BENEFIT AND WOULD ONLY WEAKEN THE ZEAL TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID SARAWAK'S FERTILE SOIL SHOULD BE TILLED IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM YIELDS.

HE HOPED THE FELDA SCHEME IN THE STATE WOULD RUN SMOOTHLY WITH THE SETTLERS PUTTING IN THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT IF THE SETTLERS ARE PREPARED TO CHANGE AND ACCEPT THE ADVICE OF EXPERTS, THEIR ASPIRATIONS WILL BE ACHIEVED.+
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SARAWAK CHIEF MINISTER DATUK PATINGGI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD HOPED THE FELDA SCHEME WOULD HELP EASE UNEMPLOYMENT AND CHECK THE RURAL-URBAN MIGRATION.

+APART FROM THIS, IT IS HOPED THE FELDA SCHEME WILL OPEN THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE TO THE POLITICS-OF-DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PRACTISED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE SCHEME REPRESENTED ONE OF THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ACHIEVE GREATER PRODUCTIVITY.

UNDER PHASE ONE OF THE SCHEME, 2,000HA OF LAND WOULD BE DEVELOPED WHILE PHASE TWO WOULD INVOLVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF 10,000HA.

THE KAMPUNG SIBIBUNG FELDA SCHEME WOULD DIRECTLY BENEFIT RESIDENTS OF 12 KAMPUNGS. -- BERNAMA

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THE PRIME MINISTER AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH WERE GIVEN A ROUSING WELCOME BY ABOUT 5,000 PEOPLE WHEN THEY ARRIVED HERE THIS AFTERNOON.

THE PRIME MINISTER JOINED MUSLIMS AT FRIDAY PRAYERS AT THE LUNDU MOSQUE.

ON BEHALF OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HANDED OVER \$300,000 TO THE LUNDU MOSQUE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRMAN, ABANG KAMALUDDIN ABANG HAKIM, FOR THE LUNDU NEW MOSQUE. -- BERNAMA

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