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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 4 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY REMINDED THE PEOPLE NOT TO BE ENVIOUS OF OR MAKE WILD ACCUSATIONS AGAINST EFFORTS OF ANY PARTY TO TRY AND DEVELOP ANY INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN THE COUNTRY.

+THIS IS BECAUSE IF THEY SUCCEEDED, IT WILL MEAN WE WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE SUCCESS,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE NELAYAN FLOATING RESTAURANT AT TASIK TITIWANGSA HERE.

HE SAID NOBODY SHOULD QUESTION WHO HAD BENEFITTED MOST FROM SUCH SUCCESS AS WHAT WAS MORE IMPORTANT WAS THAT THE PROFITS WERE SHARED AND THE ENTERPRISE HAD HELPED STIMULATE DOMESTIC ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.

HE SAID THAT IN A SITUATION OF DECLINING PRIMARY COMMODITY PRICES, IT WAS VITAL TO STEP UP ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY.

+IT IS MORE EXPEDIENT THAT WE OURSELVES CONTROL THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY BECAUSE WE CAN THEN DIRECTLY STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY WITHOUT HAVING TO DEPEND FULLY ON FOREIGN MARKETS,+ HE SAID.

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HE CRITICISED SOME PEOPLE WHO WERE CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPING ONLY THEIR OWN BUSINESSES AND NOT INTERESTED AT ALL IN HELPING OTHERS BUILD THEIR CONCERNS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR QUOTED THE EXAMPLE OF HOW DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH WERE POOR IN THE PAST HAD NOW SUCCEEDED IN ESTABLISHING HUGE CORPORATIONS WORLD-WIDE.

THEY STARTED WITH A SMALL BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY BUT JOINTLY SHARED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING IT.

+THEIR ATTITUDE DIFFERED FROM THAT OF CERTAIN QUARTERS IN THE COUNTRY WHO ARE CONTENT ONLY TO OPEN A SMALL BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY WITHOUT MAKING THE EFFORT TO EXPAND IT AND ASSIST OTHER BUSINESSMEN,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT ALWAYS HOPED EVERY BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY RUN BY LOCALS WOULD SUCCEED AS ASPIRED UNDER THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED CONCEPT. -- MORE

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ON EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL PARKS IN THE CITY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID RESULTS HAD BEEN COMMENDABLE SO FAR.

NOT ONLY WERE THE PUBLIC PARKS BEAUTIFIED BUT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL HAD ALSO BEEN TURNED INTO A GARDEN CITY THAT WAS THE PRIDE OF EVERY CITIZEN AND FOCUS OF ATTENTION OF TOURISTS, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA

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