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KUALA LUMPUR, JAN 3 (BERNAMA) -- UNDESIRABLE HAPPENINGS WITHIN PUBLIC COMPANIES ARE CAUSED BY NON-COMPLIANCE OF PROCEDURES OF MANAGEMENT AND SYSTEM AS WELL AS WORK METHODS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID CERTAIN MANAGERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANIES ACTED AS IF THE COMPANIES' MONEY WERE THEIRS AND THAT THEY COULD DO AS THEY PLEASE WITH THE MONEY.

+AS A RESULT, THERE ARE UNDESIRABLE OCCURRENCES WHICH WE SEE NOW,+ HE SAID IN HIS KEYNOTE ADDRESS WHEN OPENING A SEMINAR ON +TOWARDS UPGRADING MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY IN THE NATION+ AT THE PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF A MANAGEMENT DEPENDED ON THE CHARACTER OF THOSE INVOLVED SUCH AS WHETHER THEY WERE TRUSTWORTHY, CLEAN AND EFFICIENT.

HE ALSO SAID THE MOST NOTICABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MANAGEMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT AND IN COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES WAS THE +PROFIT MOTIVE+ ASPECT, WHICH WAS THE MAIN INCENTIVE OF BUSINESS CONCERNS. -- MORE
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THE +PROFIT MOTIVE+ ASPECT, HE SAID, AT TIMES GAVE RISE TO UNHEALTHY ATTITUDES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT TRUSTWORTHINESS WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, WHETHER IN MANAGING ONE'S OWN PERSONAL AFFAIRS OR IN HANDLING PROPERTY BELONGING TO OTHERS.

THOSE WHO WERE TRUSTWORTHY WOULD CONSIDER MANAGING PUBLIC PROPERTY WITH AS MUCH, IF NOT MORE, RESPONSIBILITY AS WHEN MANAGING ONE'S OWN PROPERTY, HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IF THIS WAS THE ATTITUDE OF THOSE MANAGING PUBLIC PROPERTY, THE MANAGEMENT WOULD BE A GOOD ONE AND THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY DEVIATION, WASTE OR CORRUPT PRACTICE.

+WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, THIS WILL SURELY ENSURE A SMOOTH AND EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION WHICH WILL BRING GOOD TO THE COMMUNITY AND NATION, THE BENEFIT OF WHICH WE WILL ALL ENJOY,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
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HE ALSO SAID THAT THOSE WHO HAD CLEAN THOUGHTS WOULD FOCUS ON THE BENEFITS OF THE TASKS ENTRUSTED TO THEM.

+WITHOUT BAD THOUGHTS, THEIR THINKING WILL NOT BE DISTURBED. BY HAVING TOTAL INTEREST, THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT WELL,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT PHYSICAL CLEANLINESS WOULD HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON WORK AS A WORKPLACE THAT WAS DIRTY WAS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO PRODUCING GOOD RESULTS.

ON EFFICIENCY, HE SAID THAT SOME PEOPLE MIGHT BY NATURE BE EFFICIENT IN MANAGEMENT BUT FOR MOST PEOPLE THIS DEPENDED ON EXPERIENCE OR EXPOSURE AND TRAINING.

+IF WE ARE PREPARED TO LEARN AND APPLY WHAT WE LEARN, WE CAN BECOME EFFICIENT,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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OTHER FACTORS REQUIRED FOR SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT WERE DILIGENCE, DISCIPLINE AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO UPGRADE MANAGEMENT.

IN THIS CONNECTION, VARIOUS APPROACHES WHICH HAD BEEN TRIED OUT, INCLUDING THE WORK MANUAL AND DESK FILE SYSTEM, NEEDED TO BE STUDIED BEFORE OTHER SYSTEMS WERE DRAWN UP, HE SAID.

THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 230 PEOPLE, COMPRISING MINISTRY SECRETARIES-GENERAL, STATE SECRETARIES, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND STATUTORY BODIES AND SENIOR MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICERS. -- BERNAMA

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