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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 12, (BERNAMA) -- BUMIPUTERA ENTREPRENEURS SHOULD NOT BE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE EMERGENCE OF MARA-OWNED COMPANIES EVEN THOUGH THE COMPANIES APPEAR TO BE THEIR RIVALS AT PRESENT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THEY MUST CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO SUCCEED IN THE FIELDS TAKEN UP AFTER THE FIELDS THEY HAD NOT VENTURED INTO PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN TAKEN UP BY THE MARA COMPANIES, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

OPENING THE MARA BUILDING HERE, HE SAID THAT MANY BUMIPUTERA COMPANIES HAD ACHIEVED SUCCESS AT PRESENT BUT +UNFORTUNATELY, THE (MARA-OWNED) COMPANIES APPEAR AS POSING COMPETITION TO THEM+.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADDED THAT FOR THE MARA COMPANIES SUCCESS WAS NOT IN MAKING HUGE PROFITS BUT IN GUIDING BUMIPUTERA ENTREPRENEURS TO VENTURE INTO FIELDS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED +NOT A PLACE FOR BUMIPUTERAS+.

+THEY (THE MARA COMPANIES) BECOME PIONEERS IN VARIOUS FIELDS AND AFTER FULFILLING THEIR ROLE, MANY BUMIPUTERAS ARE CURRENTLY BRAVE ENOUGH TO ENTER VARIOUS FIELDS PREVIOUSLY CLOSED TO THEM,+ HE SAID.
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT COULD CONTINUE PROVIDING ALLOCATIONS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES TO BUMIPUTERAS BUT THIS, BY ITSELF, WOULD NOT ENSURE SUCCESS.

+IT IS THE BUMIPUTERAS' MANAGEMENT EFFICIENCY THAT WILL ENSURE SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID EMPHASIS WAS CURRENTLY GIVEN TO PROVIDING BUMIPUTERAS WITH TRAINING IN MANAGEMENT, ADDING THAT UNIVERSITI UTARA MALAYSIA (UUM) WAS SET UP PRIMARILY FOR THIS PURPOSE, SO THAT BUMIPUTERAS WANTING TO ENTER INTO BUSINESS WOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID POLICIES FOR BUMIPUTERAS COULD BE FORMULATED AND ALLOCATIONS PROVIDED BECAUSE OF UMNO'S VITAL ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

+WITHOUT UMNO, WHICH IS THE BACKBONE OF THE GOVERNMENT, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT SUCH ALLOCATIONS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE PROVIDED FOR BUMIPUTERAS,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE

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CORRECTION: ITEM SLUGGED +MAHATHIR-MARA 3 KUALA LUMPUR+
3RD PARA SHOULD READ: ... RURAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(RIDA)

HEREWITH CORRECTED RPTN:

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+WITH UMNO HEADING THE GOVERNMENT, EMPHASIS CAN BE GIVEN TO
BUMIPUTERAS AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE PRESENTLY INCREASED,+ HE
SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID UMNO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN
MARA AND HAD CONTRIBUTED TO ITS PRESENT SUCCESS, ADDING THAT
ALLOCATIONS TO MARA HAD INCREASED SINCE UMNO HEADED THE GOVERNMENT.

TRACING THE HISTORY OF MARA'S ESTABLISHMENT, HE SAID THAT BEFORE
THE COUNTRY GAINED INDEPENDENCE, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD OFFERED
THE RURAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (RIDA) \$5 MILLION TO HELP
DEVELOP THE BUMIPUTERAS.

FOLLOWING THE BUMIPUTERA ECONOMIC CONGRESS IN 1965, RIDA'S
ACTIVITIES WERE EXPANDED AND ITS NAME CHANGED TO MARA.

PAST PARTY LEADERS HAD ALSO GIVEN PRIORITY TO MARA AS WELL AS
BUMIPUTERAS, HE SAID, ADDING THAT +MARA IS PRESENTLY AN IMPORTANT
FACTOR IN CREATING A BALANCE AMONG THE RACES IN THE COUNTRY.+ --
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(END OF CORRECTED RPTN)

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PRESENT AT THE OPENING WERE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA
AND MENTERIS BESAR DATUK MOHAMAD YAAKUB (KELANTAN), DATUK PADUKA
OSMAN AROFF (KEDAH), DATUK SERI RAMLI NGAH TALIB (PERAK), DATUK
MOHAMED ISA ABDUL SAMAD (NEGERI SEMBILAN) AND DATUK KHALIL YAAKUB
(PAHANG).

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS LATER TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE SHOP
LOTS AND EXHIBITIONS IN THE NEW BUILDING. -- BERNAMA
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