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(EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AT 10.30PM TODAY, NOV 21)

KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 21 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA HAS TO SEEK NEW SOURCES OF INCOME AND ACT AS A +GLOBAL MARKETEE+ TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS, DATUK SERIDR MAHATHIR SAID TONIGHT.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THESE NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE COULD BE FOUND IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES BASED ON INDUSTRIALISATION, TRADE AND SERVICES.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE DIPLOMATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ASSOCIATION HERE, HE SAID MALAYSIA COULD NO LONGER DEPEND WHOLLY ON TRADITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME SUCH AS RUBBER, PALM OIL, TIMBER, TIN AND OIL.

TO PROGRESS? A COUNTRY OR AN ORGANISATION MUST BE DYNAMIC AND RECEPTIVE TO CHANGES BECAUSE IF IT WAS IDLE AND STATIC, ITS PRODUCTS WOULD BECOME OBSOLETE. -- MORE

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HE SAID MALAYSIA ALSO NEEDED NEW DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES AND STRATEGIES TO FACE THE CHALLENGE AND CHANGING FACE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COMPETITION.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS CONFIDENT LEADERS AND MANAGERS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR HAD THE CAPABILITY, SPIRIT AND WILL TO SEEK AND TRY OUT NEW IDEAS THAT HAD POTENTIAL.

HOWEVER HE REMINDED THEM CHANGES NEED NOT BE MADE IN A HASTY MANNER.

THINGS THAT WERE GOOD AND USEFUL SHOULD BE RETAINED AND PRESERVED? SUCH AS VALUES THAT HAD ALL ALONG UNITED AND STRENGTHENED MALAYSIA AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION.

WHAT NEEDED TO BE CHANGED, HE SAID, WAS THE METHOD AND APPROACH UNDERTAKEN FOR ACHIEVING AN OBJECTIVE. -- MORE

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MAHATHIR 3 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

+OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE MALAYSIA A COUNTRY PROGRESSIVE IN ALL FIELDS, PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS, WHERE THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES LIVE IN HARMONY, + HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER URGED THE PEOPLE TO REJECT CHANGES CONSIDERED DETRIMENTAL OR THREATMING TO NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT, OR CONTRARY TO THE BASIC VALUES THAT HAD BECOME A WAY OF LIFE IN THIS COUNTRY.

HE ALSO SAID MALAYSIA DID NOT NEED INEFFICIENT LEADERS OR MANAGERS, WHETHER IN THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR.

SUCH PEOPLE ALTHOUGH SMALL IN NUMBER COULD BECOME OBSTACLES TO NATION BUILDING EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY IN BRINGING ABOUT A PROGRESSIVE, PEACEFUL AND UNITED SOCIETY.

HE SAID THE COUNTRY HAD FROM TO TIME ENCOUNTERED INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS THAT TRIED TO TURN THE PEOPLE'S THINKING AWAY FROM NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. -- MORE

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MAHATHIR 4 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

THEY PROMOTED NEGATIVE ATTITUDES SUCH AS AUTOMATIC REJECTION OF NEW PROGRAMMES.

SOME WERE ALSO PARACHIAL THINKING? SHORTSIGHTED AND INTERESTED IN ONLY FAST GAINS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ANOTHER FORM OF NEGATIVE THINKING WAS ADVOCACY OF SELF OR GROUP INTERESTS REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ORGANISATION, SOCIETY AND COUNTRY.

THERE WERE ALSO PERSONS ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SABOTAGE AND OBSTRUCT THE EFFORTS OF OTHERS AND SAW ONLY THE WEAKNESSES AND MISTAKES OF OTHER PEOPLE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR URGED THE PEOPLE TO REJECT ALL FORMS OF NEGATIVE THINKING AND PROPOSED THE LAUNCHING OF A REFORMATION MOVEMENT TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS, WELLBEING, DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA

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MAHATHIR 5 KUALA LUMPUR (REOPENS EARLIER ITEM)

EARLIER, DIPLOMATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE (PTD) ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT DATUK HAJI HASSAN IBRAHIM SAID PTD OFFICERS WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENSURE EXCELLENCE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

HE SAID THE PTD REQUIRED THE COOPERATION OF LEADERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND THE ORDINARY PEOPLE TO CREATE A CONDUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

AMONG ABOUT 1,000 GUESTS AT THE DINNER WERE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER DATUK ABU HASSAN OMAR AND CULTURE AND TOURISM MINISTER DATUK SABBARUDDIN CHIK. -- BERNAMA

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