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MELAKA, JULY 14 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS AND PROGRAMMES WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IF FARMERS, LIVESTOCK REARERS AND FISHERMEN REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF MODERNISING AND FURTHER ENHANCING THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

HE SAYS ESTATES WHICH WERE EFFICIENT AND ORDERLY PROVED THAT THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR STILL HAD A BRIGHT FUTURE AND A COMPETITIVE EDGE IN THE EXPORT MARKET.

AS SUCH SMALLHOLDERS, LIVESTOCK REARERS AND FISHERMEN SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS AND BE MORE EFFICIENT, HE SAYS IN HIS MESSAGE IN THE SOUVENIR PROGRAMME ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS YEAR'S FARMERS, LIVESTOCK REARERS AND FISHERMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

THE CELEBRATIONS WITH THE THEME +JOINTLY ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURE POLICY+ ARE CENTERED IN MELAKA.

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL LAUNCH THE CELEBRATIONS ON AUG 6 AT THE AIR KERUH EXPO GROUND. -- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAYS THE GOVERNMENT IS PROUD THAT THERE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE ASPECT OF EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTION AMONG SMALLHOLDERS ARISING FROM THE VARIOUS EFFORTS AND PROGRAMMES OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

HE SAYS THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR WHICH ALSO COVERED LIVESTOCK REARING, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY CONTINUES TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IS MAKING MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP), FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND ALSO FROM THE ASPECT OF MANPOWER USE.

+AS SUCH THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE APPROPRIATE ATTENTION TO THE SECTOR SO THAT FARMERS, LIVESTOCK REARERS AND FISHERMEN WILL CONTINUE TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS ALONG WITH OTHER GROUPS.+

THE PRIME MINISTER HOPES THAT ON THE OCCASION OF THE FARMERS, LIVESTOCK REARERS AND FISHERMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS THIS YEAR, ALL FARMERS, LIVESTOCK REARERS AND FISHERMEN WOULD ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND HAVE AN OPEN MIND TOWARDS CHANGES AND MODERNISATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE WILL ENHANCE THEIR LEVEL OF INCOME, EFFICIENCY, PRODUCTIVITY AND COMPETITIVE EDGE IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, HE SAYS. -- BERNAMA

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