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KUALA LUMPUR, JAN 11 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY REMINDED GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND STAFF TO ALWAYS STRIVE TO UPGRADE THEIR STANDARD OF SERVICE FOR SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE RELIGION, RACE AND NATION.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT BY PROVIDING EXCELLENT SERVICE THEY WOULD NOT ONLY ENSURE A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL BUT ALSO MAKE MALAYSIA A STABLE COUNTRY RESPECTED BY THE WORLD.

+WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR BEING IN GOOD HEALTH AND IN A GOOD POSITION, THOUGH THERE ARE MANY UNEMPLOYED, AND FOR LIVING IN A PEACEFUL COUNTRY,+ HE SAID WHEN LAUNCHING A MONTHLY GATHERING FOR STAFF OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT (JPM) HERE.

THE GATHERING IS AIMED INSPIRING THE STAFF TOWARDS PROVIDING EXCELLENT SERVICE AND INSTILLING IN THEM A LOVE FOR THE COUNTRY.

+AS SUCH, WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL TO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THIS PROSPERITY AND SHOULD BE RETURNING THIS GOOD,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT THIS THEY COULD DO BY PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT SERVICE FOR THE RELIGION, RACE AND NATION. -- MORE
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HE SAID THAT THE EXHORTATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND STAFF TO MAKE MALAYSIA A MORE DEVELOPED, PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS COUNTRY DID NOT MEAN THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN SERVING WELL.

WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THAT THEY CONTINUED TO IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE TO BRING GREATER PROGRESS TO THE COUNTRY, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT GOVERNMENT SERVANTS SHOULD CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES WITH FULL REALISATION AND DETERMINATION TO SERVE THE NATION BETTER.

HE HOPED THAT THE GATHERING ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH WOULD SERVE TO REMIND JPM STAFF OF THE NEED TO BE GRATEFUL AND TO ALWAYS STRIVE FOR EXCELLENT SERVICE.

THE GATHERING STARTED OFF WITH THOSE PRESENT, WHO INCLUDED MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK DR YUSOF NOR, HIS DEPUTIES, DATUK OO GIN SUN, DATUK DR SITI ZAHARAH SULAIMAN AND DRS SULEIMAN MOHAMED, SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE LOYALTY SONG.
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DATUK DR YUSOF, WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD DIRECT OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO HOLD SIMILAR GATHERINGS, SAID IT WAS UP TO THE MINISTRY OR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO DO SO.

+BUT WHAT IS THE HARM IN EMULATING THE GOOD, SINCE WE PRACTISE THE CONCEPT OF LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE?+ HE ASKED.

THE INFORMATION MINISTRY SET THE BALL ROLLING WHEN IT LAUNCHED THE +LOYALTY CAMPAIGN+ AND +LOYALTY DAY+ LAST YEAR TO INSTILL IN ITS EMPLOYEES, THE SPIRIT OF LOYALTY, HONESTY AND DISCIPLINE.

STAFF OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES UNDER THE INFORMATION MINISTRY, INCLUDING THOSE AT STATE LEVEL, GATHER ONCE A MONTH TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SING THE NEGARA KU AND HEAR AN ADDRESS FROM THE MINISTER OR HEAD OF DEPARTMENT. -- BERNAMA
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