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KUALA KUBU BARU, DEC 17 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY DIRECTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH TO ADOPT A RESEARCH APPROACH BASED ON MAJOR PROJECTS TO ENSURE THEIR SUCCESS.

HE SAID RESEARCH BASED ON MINOR PROJECTS, AS BEING DONE NOW, NOT ONLY CREATED COMPETITION, BUT DID NOT GUARANTEE THAT A PARTICULAR PROJECT WOULD ACHIEVE GREATER SUCCESS.

THE PRIME MINISTER ISSUED THE DIRECTIVE AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT IN ULU SELANGOR BY ITS DISTRICT OFFICER, HAJI SHAFIE ISMAIL, AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID ULU SELANGOR HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS PARTICULARLY TO PRODUCE FOOD INGREDIENTS SUCH AS +LENGKUAS+, A PLANT WHOSE RHIZOME PROVIDES A POPULAR FLAVOURING, +PANDAN+ LEAVES AND BANANAS.

THESE INGREDIENTS HAVE A READY MARKET IN KUALA LUMPUR AND THE KLANG VALLEY, HE SAID. --MORE

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HE ALSO SAID STUDIES SHOULD BE DONE ON THE LARGE TRACTS OF IDLE LAND IN ULU SELANGOR.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID MAJOR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY EXPERIENCED PEOPLE WHILE YOUTHS AND UNEMPLOYED GRADUATES SHOULD BE WORK ON THESE PROJECTS TO GAIN EXPERIENCE.

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