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MAHATHIR-CONFRONTATION

KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 15 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT THAT THERE SHOULD BE LESS CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS IN ORDER TO SPUR ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE COUNTRY.

IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST TO SEE THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR DID WELL IN ORDER TO SHARE THE BENEFITS WITH THE PUBLIC SECTOR, HE SAID.

HE SAID HE WAS HAPPY THAT THERE WAS COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS AND 'FELT THIS AUGURED WELL FOR THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS SPEAKING AT A DINNER HOSTED BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED GAMES WHICH IS AN ANNUAL COMPETITION BETWEEN SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE CONCEPT OF MALAYSIA INCORPORATED WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED WHEN IT WAS INITIATED, IT HAD SINCE CAUGHT ON WELL. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THERE SHOULD BE SIMILAR COOPERATION BETWEEN WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS BECAUSE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THEM WAS DETRIMENTAL TO ECONOMIC GROWTH.

HE SAID IT SHOULD BE THE NEXT STEP OF COOPERATION FOLLOWING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

+SUCH COOPERATION, I AM SURE, WILL BE UNBEATABLE IN THIS WORLD,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT TAN SRI SALLEHUDIN MOHAMED, IN HIS SPEECH SAID THE PRIVATE SECTOR PRACTICE OF GIVING REWARDS OR GIFTS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SHOULD BE ELIMINATED.

HE SAID SUCH PRACTICES HAD BECOME COMMON AMONG THE PRIVATE SECTOR BUT IT COULD RESULT IN SUSPICIONS BEING CAST ON THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

HE SAID THERE WERE OTHER WAYS OF DEVELOPING CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS. -- BERNAMA
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