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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 22 (BERNAMA) -- AN INCREASE IN THE INCOME OF GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FOLLOWING AN INCREASE IN PRODUCTIVITY WILL NOT CAUSE THE PRICES OF GOODS AND SERVICES TO RISE. DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

~~SUCH INCREASE~~ IN INCOME WOULD PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PURCHASING POWER WHICH WOULD STEP UP BUYING AND SELLING ACTIVITIES LEADING TO RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

HOWEVER IF DEMANDS FOR SALARY INCREASES WERE MADE WITHOUT ANY CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN PRODUCTIVITY, THEN THE COUNTRY WOULD NOT BECOME COMPETITIVE AND THE MARKET FOR ITS GOODS WOULD DECLINE, HE SAID.

+WHAT WILL MAKE US NON-COMPETITIVE IS WHEN SALARIES ARE RAISED WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN PRODUCTIVITY. IN THE END THE WORKERS WILL SUFFER BECAUSE OF THE DECLINE IN THE ECONOMY AND THE INCOME OF EVERYONE WILL NOT INCREASE ANYMORE AND MANY WILL BE UNEMPLOYED,+ HE SAID WHEN LAUNCHING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MALAYSIAN CIVIL SERVICE AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PRIVATISATION POLICY SHOULD BE MADE A SUCCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO EASE THE BURDEN OF GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE COST AND ENHANCE ITS ABILITY TO IMPROVE THE SALARY SCALE OF CIVIL SERVANTS AND TO FUND OTHER PROJECTS. -- MORE  
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS MEANT THAT NOT ONLY EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATISED SERVICES WOULD BENEFIT BUT ALSO THOSE STILL SERVING WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

PRIVATISATION WHILE REDUCING GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE WILL ALSO AT THE SAME TIME INCREASE GOVERNMENT REVENUE THROUGH TAXES IMPOSED ON THE PROFITS OF THE PRIVATISED SERVICE, HE ADDED.

HE SAID EMPLOYEES IN PRIVATISED SERVICES SUCH AS THE PORT KLANG CONTAINER SERVICE, MALAYSIA AIRLINES, MALAYSIAN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING CORPORATION (MISC) AND SYARIKAT TELEKOM MALAYSIA (STM) DID NOT LOSE OUT BUT ON THE OTHER HAND RECEIVED BETTER INCOME.

AT THE SAME TIME THE SERVICE RENDERED HAD IMPROVED AND THE GOVERNMENT REVENUE THROUGH TAX ON THE PRIVATISED SERVICE HAD INCREASED1 HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THOUGH THE PRIVATISATION POLICY WAS AT AN EARLY STAGE, THE TREND NEVERTHELESS WAS BEING ACCEPTED THE WORLD OVER AND EVEN THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM ACKNOWLEDGED THAT STATE OWNERSHIP OF ALL SERVICES WOULD NOT HELP TO DEVELOP THE ECONOMY OR CONTRIBUTE TO EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH.

+THEREFORE THE COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES ARE NOW INTRODUCING +PERESTROIKA+ WHICH IS RETRUCTURING OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

HE ALSO SAID CERTAIN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE MIDDLE LEVEL STILL DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED CONCEPT. -- MORE  
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED POLICY WOULD NOT FULLY ACHIEVE ITS DESIRED OBJECTIVE IF THE PRIVATE SECTOR CONTINUED TO FACE DIFFICULTIES WHEN DEALING WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

HE SAID THE BASIS OF THE CONCEPT WAS CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS WHEREBY THE PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPED THE COUNTRY'S TRADE AND COMMERCE WHILE THE PUBLIC SECTOR DREW UP THE MAIN POLICIES AND PROVIDED POSITIVE SUPPORT SERVICE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR TO ENSURE THE STRENGTH OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY SO THAT THE COUNTRY WOULD NOT BE LEFT BEHIND IN THE FACE OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE ABILITY TO COMPETE NOT ONLY INVOLVED EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS BUT MORE IMPORTANT WAS SUCH MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION BY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH WHICH WAS CLOSELY CONNECTED TO THE PEOPLE'S INCOME IN ALL FIELDS OF EMPLOYMENT.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION SHOULD ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF SMALL AND BIG BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL VENTURES BECAUSE THE BIGGER THE PROFIT OF SUCH BUSINESSES, THE STRONGER WILL BE THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL POSITION TO MEET THE VARIOUS EXPENDITURES. -- MORE

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+ALL CITIZENS WISHING TO WORK HARD AND ACQUIRE WEALTH SHOULD NOT BE HINDERED BUT SHOULD BE AIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. ONLY WHEN PEOPLE FROM ALL LEVELS SUCCEED IN INCREASING THEIR INCOME, WILL THE GOVERNMENT HAVE ENOUGH REVENUE FOR DISTRIBUTION,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY CONCEPT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE BASIC VALUES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF THE COMPETITIVE WORLD! HEADS OF DEPARTMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS SHOULD BE FAR SIGHTED IN PLANNING EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES AND BE ACTION-ORIENTED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR CALLED FOR EFFORTS TO MODERNISE THE WORKING SYSTEM IN OFFICES PARTICULARLY IN THE MATTER OF CLEANLINESS AND COUNTER SERVICE WHERE THE CIVIL SERVICE CAME FACE TO FACE WITH THE PUBLIC.

THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT SUCCESS AND PERFORMANCE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE WERE NO LONGER BASED ON QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA SUCH THE AMOUNT OF ALLOCATION OR NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES OR PROJECTS BUT RATHER ON THE SUCCESS IN IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS EVERY YEAR. -- MORE

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MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK DR MOHAMAD YUSOF NOR, CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT TAN SRI SALLEHUDDIN MOHAMED, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT TAN SRI ALWI JANTAN AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES DATUK ZAKIAH HANUM WERE AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY.

THE PRIME MINISTER LATER LAUNCHED THE MEMOIRS OF A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT TAN SRI ABDUL AZIZ ZAKARIA AND VISITED THE EXHIBITION ON THE HISTORY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE CIVIL SERVICE CELEBRATIONS INCLUDED THE LAUNCHING OF THE MALAYSIAN ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (MASMA). -- BERNAMA

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