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EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AFTER 10.30PM TONIGHT

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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC 3 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PRODUCE QUALITY SERVICE WITH AS SMALL WORK FORCE AS POSSIBLE MAY NOT NECESSARILY RESULT IN INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT. IF A MORE EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY COULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE SUCCESS OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAD GREATER POTENTIAL THAN THE GOVERNMENT TO ENHANCE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND WAS ALSO CAPABLE OF IMPROVING LIVING STANDARD OF THE WORKERS, HE SAID AT A DINNER ORGANISED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND DIPLOMATIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION (PPTD) HERE TONIGHT.

+WE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE A LARGE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY JUST TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CIVIL SERVANTS SHOULD BE ON THE BASIS OF NEED, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

HE ILLUSTRATED THE EXAMPLE OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM WHICH, WHEN FACED WITH A POPULATION GROWTH PROBLEM, RESORTED TO PROVIDING JOB OPPORTUNITIES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE JOB WAS REQUIRED OR NOT.

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A SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT WOULD ABSORB EXCESS WORKERS INTO THE CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED INDUSTRIES AND CREATE INDUSTRIES WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION PROFIT AND LOSS, HE SAID,

+AS WE CAN NOW SEE, SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES FINALLY BECOME POOR NATIONS AND THEIR PEOPLE EXPERIENCE HARDSHIPS UNTIL THEY RISE IN REVOLT AGAINST THE SYSTEM, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

IN STRESSING THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO SEE THE INCREASING POPULATION SUFFER POVERTY AND A LOWER QUALITY OF LIFE, HE HOPED THAT THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED CONCEPT WOULD WELL-RECEIVED AND ADOPTED WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

HE ADVISED CIVIL SERVANTS TO BE DARING IN QUESTIONING AND ANALYSING SYSTEMS USE TO ENHANCE QUALITY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

+WE MUST BE SINCERE IN ASSESSING OUR PERFORMANCE AND IDENTIFY WEAKNESSES AND APPROACHES WHICH SHOULD BE IMPROVED OR COMPLETELY CHANGED, HE SAID, -- MORE,

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID--HUMAN CIVILISATION DID NOT STOP EVOLVING AND WAS CHANGING ALL THE TIME.

AS A RESULT OF THE NEED TO ADAPT APPROACHES IN CHANGING CONDITIONS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD FORMED AND IMPLEMENTED VARIOUS POLICIES AND APPROACHES SUCH AS +LOOK EAST+, +MALAYSIA INCORPORATED+, +PRIVATISATION+ AND SO ON, HE SAID.

+PERHAPS, THESE POLICIES AND APPROACHES HAD WEAKNESSES BUT WE MUST TRY THEM FIRST WITH ALL EARNESTNESS BEFORE WE CONCLUDE THAT THEY ARE NO GOOD, HE SAID.

+BUT IF, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, A CHANGE CLEARLY SHOWED THAT IT WAS NO GOOD, WE MUST NOT HESITATE TO SAY IT AND WE MUST GO BACK TO THE FIRST APPROACH OR TRY ANOTHER, HE SAID, -- BERNAMA.

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