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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 30⁹⁰ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS GIVEN AN ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALWAYS BE SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF WORKERS.

IN A WORKERS DAY MESSAGE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS WITH TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES, ADDING THAT MANY ISSUES HAD BEEN RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS SHOULD BE ENHANCED, BOTH IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

HE SAID THAT GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES WOULD BENEFIT THE WORKERS IN THE LONG TERM.

+WORKERS, THE GOVERNMENT AND EMPLOYERS ARE PARTNERS AND EACH HAVE THEIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY,+ HE SAID.

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT APPRECIATED THE ROLE PLAYED BY TRADE UNIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

+POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND VALUES OF WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY AND THEIR TOLERANCE AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY CLEARLY REFLECT THEIR PREPAREDNESS TO FACE CURRENT CHALLENGES,+ SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR.

+IN MALAYSIA, WE ARE FORTUNATE BECAUSE MOST OF THE WORKERS ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE AND NEGOTIATE WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS AND GOVERNMENT TO RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

THIS RELATIONSHIP HAD HELPED BRING ABOUT RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH, HE SAID, ADDING THAT CONSTANT ECONOMIC GROWTH WOULD BRING ABOUT MANY BENEFITS TO THE WORKERS.

+WORKERS IN POOR AND BACKWARD COUNTRIES MAY NOT BE ABLE TO LEAD A HAPPIER LIFE THAN THOSE IN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PROGRESSING, WITH A STABLE WORKING CLIMATE AND STRONG ECONOMY,+ HE SAID.

+IN CONJUNCTION WITH WORKERS DAY, I CONGRATULATE THE WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED IMMENSELY FOR THE PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE NATION,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA

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