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KUALA LUMPUR, June 17 (Bernama) -- The New Development Policy (NDP) takes care of the needs and calls for the participation of all Malaysians to put Malaysia on the way to becoming a developed nation by 2020, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

+There should be no fear or doubts in the minds of any ethnic group that they would lose,+ he said.

+Malaysia is rich in resources and there is enough for everyone to gain from the process of development,+ he added when tabling the motion on the Second Outline Perspective Plan (OPP2) in the Dewan Rakyat.

The OPP2, the country's blueprint for economic development for the next 10 years (1991-2000), embodies the NDP which succeeds the New Economic Policy (1970-1990).

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the NDP encouraged the mobilisation of all resources and the utilisation of the creative potentials of the country's multi-racial society to build a strong and resilient economy.

+We believe that each race has its own character and strength that can complement the others.+''

The policy had been so formulated to provide opportunities for all Malaysians to play their part effectively in the country's development, he said in his 90-minute speech.-- more

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+However, it must be emphasised that if the Bumiputeras gain more than the others, this is because they begin with a lower base-line and more needs to be done for them to bring them up to the level of development of the other Malaysians,+ the Prime Minister said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said that only by doing this +can we be assured of political and social stability as well as national unity, a prerequisite for progress.+

According to the OPP2, the Bumiputera equity reached 20.3 per cent by 1990, still below the target of 30 per cent while the non-Bumiputera equity was 45.9 per cent, above the target of 40 per cent.

The Prime Minister said it was better that all Malaysians worked together to remove the imbalances as fast as possible.-- more

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He said the task of reducing these imbalances should not be left to the government alone. It was also the duty of the private sector to play a more sincere and effective role in providing productive opportunities for the Bumiputeras to progress.

+The faster we move towards redressing ethnic imbalances, the lesser will be the need to have privileges for the Bumiputeras,+ he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also said that the faster the NDP target was achieved and the Bumiputeras became real business people, the sooner would the need to favour Bumiputeras as a matter of policy be ended.

Conversely, if the +Ali Baba+ partnership was resorted to, then the OPP2 would have to be followed by similar policies after its expiry period, he added.

The Prime Minister reminded the Bumiputeras to stop the habit of complaining about sabotage in business because +like politics, business can be dirty.+

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also said there was a need to correct the under-representation of non-Bumiputeras in certain sectors such as agriculture, land settlement schemes and public sector employment.-- more

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In item slugged +Mahathir-OPP2 (Bumiputeras), pls insert +quick+ in intro after +get-rich+.

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 17, (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the New Development Policy (NDP) is not a get-rich-quick scheme for Bumiputeras.

The policy is meant to vastly improve their chances of getting a fair share of the wealth that was being generated in the country and to retain and build up on that wealth, the Prime Minister said.

Speaking when tabling the Second Outline Perspective Plan (OPP2) for the period 1991 to 2000, he reminded the Bumiputeras that they could not expect economic policies to always favour them.

+Politically split as they are, the day may not be far off when their influence in the government will diminish and the government will no longer be willing to defend and formulate policies to help them,+ he said.

He said it was time the Bumiputeras ceased to expect to do business only with the government and went fully into the market to compete. -- more

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The non-Bumiputeras for their part should be prepared to give contracts to the Bumiputeras even when they were not involved in government contracts.

The Prime Minister said the belief that to succeed in business one had to cheat was totally erroneous.

+Equally erroneous is that all non-Bumiputeras cheat. Honesty pays although it will take time,+ he said.

Reminding the Bumiputeras to have a longer term outlook, he said a small profit that would come repeatedly was much better than a once-off killing. -- more

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Noting the poor representation of Bumiputras in the retail business, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the government would study the problems and obstacles regarding their involvement.

+There is a notion among Bumiputeras that there is no money in retailing and one cannot get rich quick, an overwhelming obsession with many Bumiputeras,+ he said.

Ultimately, he said, the Bumiputeras must learn to participate in business in an environment of competition and efficiency so that they could integrate themselves into the mainstream of the economy and be recognised as genuine businessmen and entrepreneurs.

+We are glad that a few Bumiputeras have actually achieved this status under the NEP but we need more of them in order to sustain the results of the quantitative achievement of the policy,+ he added.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the development of a viable and an effective Bumiputera Commercial and Industrial Community would be given priority. -- more

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The Prime Minister said it was the duty of a responsible government to help the poor and eradicate poverty.

The notion that the poor were fated to be poor was due to ignorance, for when the poor were given adequate help they could improve themselves, he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said those who tried to convince the poor that they should not strive against their fate were undermining their spirit to work towards their own salvation.

+Such people are in fact trying to suppress the poor and keep them poor forever,+ he added. -- Bernama

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