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KUALA LUMPUR, July 10<sup>91</sup> (Bernama) -- The Sixth Malaysia Plan (6MP) places critical importance on improving productivity-through efficient use of resources at lower cost to enhance the country's competitiveness, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

In that context., the government will identify compatible ethical values and set up training centres, particularly for Bumiputeras, where such values could be inculcated, he added.

+In order that Malaysians will become productive and be able to adjust to an industrialised and developed society from an agricultural peasant society, the correct values must be identified and propagated, particularly among the younger generation,+ he said when tabling the motion on the 6MP in the Dewan Rakyat.

He said an important ingredient for -the success of any individual or nation was the ethical values which influenced daily life, particularly at the place of work.

+The assumption that such ethical values are already in place and will be passed from parents to children and through exposure to society is not quite correct, + he added, saying that values needed to be actively disseminated to society through formal and informal channels. -- more

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Mahathir - 6MP 2 Kuala Lumpur

It was also wrong to regard existing values as good and correct or that any change would destroy the culture, he said.

The 6MP, covering the period 1991-1995, is the first phase of the Second Outline Perspective Plan (OPP2) which sets out national development policies up to the year 2000.

In his speech, lasting about 90 minutes, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said in order to improve productivity, there was a need for improvement in technology, entrepreneurship and the quality of labour and management.

Therefore, greater emphasis would be given to increasing the application of science and technology and expanding research and development activities and human resource development, he added.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said strategies for the various sectors of the economy would focus on diversifying each sector towards more productive and higher value-added activities. -- more

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Mahathir - 6MP 3 Kuala Lumpur

Expansion of the manufacturing sector would provide the main thrust -towards growth and structural change during the Sixth Plan.

The manufacturing sector was expected to account for 32.4 per cent of the total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 1995, sustaining its position as the largest sector.

He said overall prospects for the national economy were bright with the Malaysian economy expected to grow at an average of 7.5 per cent per annum in real terms compared with the average of 6.7 per cent achieved during the Fifth Plan.

Despite the progress made, Malaysians must not be complacent but continue to strive harder to achieve the goals that we have set for ourselves, he said.

+In any endeavour it is relatively easy to start from a small base but as the base grows bigger, incremental progress will become more difficult and will require greater energy and effort to sustain, he added. -- more

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Mahathir - 6MP 4 Kuala Lumpur

He said Malaysians from all walks of life and from every segment of society who had contributed to the country's success could be justly proud of the achievement.

He added: +We should realise that we have already built up the socio-economic foundation and the infrastructure of the nation and therefore, in order to progress further we would have to utilise them efficiently and fully.

+Therefore, I urge all Malaysians to work hard, increase their productivity and be innovative in their efforts to meet the challenges ahead.+

The motion was seconded by Parti Gerakan President, Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik, who is Minister of Primary Industries. -- Bernama

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