

CNS3502

R GE 13-09 00231 EA283

aae tbe

MAHATHIR WANTS TO SEE GREENING OF THE WORLD

Mahathir-environment ''

bm

KUCHING, Sept 13¹⁹ (Bernama) -- A document will be drafted to encourage all countries to create an environment as green as that of the tropical forest, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said today.

The document on the +Greening of the World+ would be distributed throughout the world with the hope of promoting an awareness, especially among the developed nations, on the need to re-develop the forests.

+We want not only Malaysia which is already green but also the developed countries to strive to grow trees and develop forests within their environment,+ he told a press conference at the Kuching International Airport here before returning to Kuala Lumpur after a two-day official visit to Sarawak.

+There are vast areas in the developed countries that could be turned into forests and we will assist them by providing seeds and agricultural equipment so that a tropical forest could be developed in each developed country,+ he said.

He added that the move to draft the document was to prove to the outside world, especially the developed nations, Malaysia's capability in creating tropical forests even in the Californian desert.

He said that the government was preparing a proposal paper on the drafting of the document. -- more

♥13/09/20-08MST

CNS3503

R GE 13-09 00241 EA284

aae tbe

Mahathir-environment (last) 2 Kuching

The Prime Minister said that Malaysia would also be screening a documentary on the country's environment at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Harare next month as proof that the country was committed to the Langkawi Declaration on the environment.

The documentary would also prove that Malaysia strived to maintain the natural environment compared with the developed nations.

+Many would not accept what we have stated and, as such, we will show to them what we have done,+ he added.

He also said that Malaysia's participation in the +Earth Summit+ to be held in Brazil next year still depended on the true objective of the conference.

+If the conference is aimed at putting the blame on developing countries, we might not attend,+ he added.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said he was impressed with the development being carried out in Sarawak although he had only recently visited the state.

His visit this time, in conjunction with his visit to Sabah, had given him the opportunity to witness the changes and development taking place in the state.

Furthermore, he found the people in the state were really happy with the services provided by the state government and he was confident that the Sarawak Barisan Nasional would be returned to power in the state election on Sept 27 and 28. -- Bernama

♥13/09/20-09MST