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MAHATHIR RECEIVES BUMIPUTERA ECONOMIC CONGRESS REPORT

Mahathir-Congress (With pix)

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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 7<sup>1 a 2</sup> (Bernama) -- The government today gave the assurance that it would strive to implement the resolutions adopted at the Third Bumiputra Economic Congress held here last month.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today government agencies and their officers would be directed to study all the resolutions which required their action.

+I hope that the process to implement the resolutions is carried out effectively to ensure their success,+ he said after receiving a report on the congress from the Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid, who was chairman of the congress organising committee, at the Prime Minister's Department.

Dr. Mahathir reminded bumiputera businessmen not to depend on government help as only they themselves could determine the success of implementation of the resolutions.

A total of 63 resolutions were passed during the congress organised by the government and the National Malay Chambers of Commerce and Industry from Jan 10 to 12. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said he was pleased to note that the report on the congress was completed within a short timespan as such reports usually took between six months and a year to compile.

Many of the resolutions passed at the first and second Bumiputra Economic Congresses were implemented by the government although some of them had yet to achieve their desired results, he added.

Dr Mahathir said he had raised this matter when opening last month's congress on the theme +Towards Developing a Competitive Commercial and Industrial-based Bumiputra Community+.

Ahmad Sarji said the report contained all the resolutions passed at the congress, reports of plenary sessions, working papers and text of speeches made at the congress opening and closing ceremonies.

Two committees which could be formed at federal-level to study the resolutions were a National Planning and Development Committee and a Bumiputra Economic Programmes Working Committee, he added.

It would be up to Dr Mahathir to recommend the setting up of other committees, he said. -- Bernama