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MAHATHIR SPELLS WAYS TO DEVELOP BUMIPUTERA BUSINESS COMMUNITY

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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Mobilisation of resources, expertise and commitment of all groups are needed to develop a Commercial and Industrial Bumiputera Community, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The Prime Minister said not only Bumiputeras had to be **serious** and work hard, non-Bumiputeras also had the same duties and responsibilities to ensure that the objective was achieved.

+It is the government's intention and commitment to create a Commercial and Industrial Bumiputera community that is strong and resilient in line with the National Development Policy,+ he said in his message in the souvenir programme of the Third Bumiputera Economic Congress beginning tomorrow.

The Prime Minister will open the three-day congress jointly organised by the government and the Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry Malaysia (DPPMM) at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC).

The theme of the congress is +Towards Development of a Resilient Commercial and Industrial Bumiputera community.+

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said tomorrow's congress differed from the First and Second Economic Congress of 1965 and 1968 as this time round non-Bumiputeras would also be involved. -- more

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He urged Bumiputeras to be highly committed besides **practising** values of competitiveness, efficiency, quality and good management to build a Commercial and Industrial Bumiputera Community.

+These qualities are important to produce resilient and quality Bumiputera entrepreneurs who can contribute positively towards achieving Vision 2020 to make Malaysia a developed nation,+ he said.

The congress was timely as it would enable the government to obtain views from participants of varying backgrounds to formulate a policy and specific actions to create such a community.

Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri **Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid**, who is the congress committee chairman, said to achieve maximum results the participants comprised Bumiputeras and non-Bumiputeras from various backgrounds and expertise.

Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry president, Dr Nawawi Mat **Awin** hoped the congress would serve as a forum for Bumiputera entrepreneurs to assess their achievements and shortcomings as well as adopt a new approach to face the challenges of 2020. -- Bernama

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