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CO-OPERATION AMONG GOVERNMENT, NON-BUMIS AND BUMIS ESSENTIAL, SAYS  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- The Government, Bumiputeras and non-Bumiputeras should ensure there is genuine co-operation between Bumiputera and non-Bumiputra businessmen, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

+The Government is of the opinion that the three should indeed be involved in genuine co-operation, + he said when asked to comment on the speech by the President of the Associated Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry Tan Sri Wee Boon Ping at the Chinese Economic Congress here.

Wee had said that the three should work closely towards ensuring genuine co-operation between Bumiputeras and non-Bumiputeras in the economic field.

Dr Mahathir described Wee's speech as very rational and said that it had a lot of common sense. -- more

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The Prime Minister said Wee's speech reflected the new attitude of the Chinese traders and businessmen.

+The Chinese businessmen now better understand government policies and are more responsible,+ he said.

Wee in his speech said Chinese businessmen were equally responsible for the existence of +Ali Baba+ joint ventures between Bumiputeras and non-Bumiputeras.

He said there were many Chinese who co-operated with Bumiputeras merely to reap profits from the opportunities and special rights of the Bumiputeras.

+As such to have genuine joint ventures between Bumiputeras and non-Bumiputeras, Chinese traders should discard this attitude,+ Wee said in Mandarin. There was simultaneous translation in Malay. -- more

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Wee said the Chinese should look upon Bumiputeras as their brothers and consider the task of setting up genuine partnerships between Bumiputeras and non-Bumiputeras as a form of obligation.

Bumiputeras should accept the Chinese not only as their brothers and sisters of one family but as trustworthy partners.

This could be realised just as when Malaysians of all walks of life united as one family to support the Malaysian Thomas Cup team, Wee said.

+We have the patriotic spirit and I don't see why we cannot work shoulder to shoulder in the economic field to realise Vision 2020,+ he said.

He urged the government to eliminate the sources for eye-wash co-operation and instead ensure that genuine joint ventures between Bumiputeras and non-Bumiputeras were given fair opportunities for competition in the area of loans, tax exemption, licences and government contracts.--- more

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On behalf of the Associated Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Wee pledged to forge closer co-operation among the Chinese business community and Bumiputeras.

He also suggested that the government set up a consultative and supervisory body which would include members from the private sector to ensure the success of the national economic policy.

More than 1,000 people including members of the Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry and senior government officers are attending the two-day economic congress. -- Bernama

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