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DPN 1992-2010 AIMS AT COMMERCIALISING AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 1, (Bernama) -- The National Agricultural Policy (DPN) 1992-2010, launched today by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, employs six long-term strategies for the modernisation and commercialisation of the agricultural sector.

The DPN 1992-2020 also combines the philosophy and the new course of development contained in the Second Outline Perspective Plan and Vision 2020.

According to the policy, strategies to be deployed would be the optimum use of resources, intensified development of agro-based industries, research and development, primary role of the private sector, market restructuring, and development of a dynamic food industry.

The optimum use of resources, rehabilitation and consolidation of idle land will be given greater attention and supplemented with a comprehensive plan for land development.

Agriculture Minister Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid, briefing some 5,000 farmers at the Putra World Trade Centre here on the policy, said the DPN 1992-2020 would also provide incentives to farmers and fishermen participating in commercial enterprises and marketing of agricultural produce including joint ventures with local and foreign investors. --more

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"A food policy emphasizing on quality and nutrition aspects will also be formulated in creating a modern agricultural sector," he said.

Sanusi said efficiency would be the main criteria in the allocation of resources which served as the important foundation for growth and development in the agricultural sector.

"The main objective of the policy is to maximise incomes through optimum use of resources," he said.

He said that apart from these objectives, DPN 1992-2020's specific targets would be a balanced development between the manufacturing and food industries.

The target for value-added for the agricultural sector up to the year 2020 would be 3.1 per cent a year while agricultural workforce down to 1.6 per cent a year and form 11.2 per cent of the total workforce in the year 2020, he said. --more

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He said the policy also hoped to attain production rate of 4.8 per cent for workers in the agricultural sector, a much higher percentage than than in the manufacturing sector.

"The widespread use of modern technology will be encouraged to help change agricultural and farm production system," he said.

He said the government would also concentrate on enhancing production in the agricultural sector not just for domestic but foreign markets as well.

To ensure the success of the policy, he said courses would also be organised for the farming community. --Bernama