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APPRECIATE STABILITY, PM TELLS ADMINISTRATORS

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KUALA LUMPUR, July 23 (Bernama) -- Government administrators and managers should appreciate the country's political stability in guiding it towards greater advancement, the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight.

Equally important for this purpose was their understanding of the Malaysia Incorporated concept and their promotion of a disciplined organisation, he said.

These were the prerequisites for members of the administrative and diplomatic service to perform their critical role of realising the national objective of making Malaysia a developed nation by 2020.

Speaking at an Administrative and Diplomatic Service Association dinner here, he said a politically destabilised nation would not achieve any progress even if it had other suitable factors.

Without political stability, assets such as abundant natural resources, intelligent and efficient citizens would be meaningless to a nation, Dr Mahathir said.-- more

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As such, Dr Mahathir said, government and private sector administrators and managers should appreciate the importance of political stability when bringing about progress to the nation.

Although managers and administrators were not directly involved in politics, the effects of their efforts and business could determine political stability or otherwise, he said.

Dr Mahathir said generally it would be easy for a well-administered and economically well-off country to gain stability.

"Managers and administrators should understand the close links between the two factors and should strive to create a good administration which could assist in economic development and in securing economic stability," said Dr Mahathir.

He said the cooperation between the government, the administration and the private sector was only proper as this would create a healthy climate for trade.-- more

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Dr Mahathir said the Malaysia Incorporated concept or cooperation between the public and private sectors had in a way contributed to the country's progress.

"Indeed, it's true that on its own the Malaysia Incorporated concept could not possibly bring about progress. But this factor remains vital all the same," he said.

Dr Mahathir said a disciplined organisation also played a crucial role in moving the nation towards attaining a developed nation status according to Vision 2020.

"There are no limits to efforts towards improving organisational structure and management. A nation determined to succeed must continuously review the organisational and administrative structure," he said. --

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