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INVESTORS, MANAGERS AND WORKERS MUST PLAY THEIR PART, SAYS MAHATHIR

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KEMAMAN, Aug 26 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the investors, management and workers must play their roles, without questioning who is more important, to ensure the success of the industries.

He said the three parties were equally important with each dependent on the others.

The prime minister said an industry could succeed if there was efficiency on the part of all three parties -- investors efficient in determining the potential of their investments, management efficient in handling the work and maximising work yield and workers who should work hard.

"Thank God, in our country all quarters have given attention to their respective duties and responsibilities," he said when opening the Pesama-MK Furniture Sdn Bhd factory, here.

The factory, a joint venture between the Terengganu state economic development corporation and the private sector, is now producing RM450,000 worth of furniture a month. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said that of no less importance was that there was political stability, no riots which could cause concern among investors and few industrial actions while the workers were hardworking, disciplined and dedicated to their work.

However, the people should not be complacent because the world was progressing and "we have to upgrade our capability either through increased investments, use of modern and sophisticated equipment or more effective work arrangement".

Unfortunately, he said, there were some trade unionists who asked the workers to demand high wages without comparing the fate of the workers here with those in other countries.

He said there were workers from privatised government departments who were still dissatisfied with their wages when they were getting more benefits than they used to when the department was under the government. -- more

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Present were Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad, Public Enterprises Minister Datuk Dr Yusof Noor, Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat and Persama-MK Furniture manager, Datuk Haji Hamzah Mohamed.

At a press conference later, Dr Mahathir praised the company for moving into the downstream industry where the products had value added.

"This is what we want instead of only exporting logs or sawn timber which is more primitive," he said. -- Bernama

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