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DON'T BE COMPLACENT, PM TELLS MALAYSIANS

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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has warned Malaysians against being complacent with the success the country has achieved so far.

He wants Malaysians to make adjustments in line with the ever changing local and world environment especially by continuously increasing their productivity and competitiveness and to be driven by the pursuit of excellence.

Tabling the Mid-Term Review of the Sixth Malaysia Plan in the Dewan Rakyat here, Dr Mahathir said Malaysia had successfully put into place a strong and firm foundation through development efforts over the last few decades. Under the plan, the Federal government has originally budgetted RM55 billion for development for the 1991-95 period.

Malaysians could look to the future with greater optimism and confidence towards attaining the long-term objective of becoming a fully developed and industrialised nation by the year 2000, he said.

"However, I must caution Malaysians from all walks of life that while we can take pride in our achievements, we certainly cannot be complacent with the success we have achieved so far. We must guard against laxity which will lead to complacency," he added. --more

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Dr Mahathir underlined the importance for Malaysians to continue to build on their achievements and manage their success well to enable them to bring their nation to greater heights and excellence in the years ahead.

"We must strive towards greater performance and the achievement of economic primacy that can earn Malaysia recognition and a respectable place in the international community of nations," he said.

To achieve this, Malaysians must be in full possession of an economy that is competitive, dynamic, robust and resilient.

The government, he added, would, on its part, continue with its commitment to provide the support for an expanding economy and fulfil its socio-economic obligations.

The private sector, on the other hand, would have to be innovative and harness its dynamism to generate growth and contribute towards the nation's socio-economic goals in the spirit of Malaysia Incorporated.

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"Above all, the success of our development efforts will have to rely on the participation of all Malaysians and their motivation and commitment towards making the nation's development agenda a triumphant success," he said.

Dr Mahathir told Parliament that Malaysia had indeed achieved remarkable development by any standard but in meeting the challenges of making the country a developed nation, Malaysians would have to adopt positive and progressive values and attitudes as well.

The Prime Minister argued that the attainment of tangible progress and high material well-being alone was no guarantee for long term stability and prosperity.

This development must be balanced with intellectual and cultural enhancement which called for more efforts to develop a knowledge and morality-based culture, encourage creativity and inculcate an appreciation for the arts and culture among Malaysians.

In efforts to achieve a fully developed nation status, religious and spiritual aspects would be equally emphasised to provide Malaysians with the right frame of mind as well as the anchor for preventing man from deteriorating morally. (84) --more

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In his 105-minute address, Dr Mahathir said an important ingredient in attaining higher growth was the value accorded to work.

In this connection, work ethics associated with hard work, self-reliance, pride of achievement, discipline, dedication, diligence, honesty and integrity would complement capital investment, skills and expertise in the process of wealth creation.

These together with high ethical values such as tolerance, hospitality, caring and a strong religious and moral foundation would provide the basis for the sharing of common values in the Malaysian society.

"To ensure the adoption of these positive values and attitudes among our younger generation who will be the leaders of tomorrow, the role of the family unit and the school system in moulding and nurturing the attitudes of the young will be emphasised," he added. --Bernama

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Earlier in tabling the mid-term review of the plan, the Prime Minister presented a motion which "calls on Malaysians from all walks of life to strive harder and with stronger determination towards building a united, socially just as well as a progressive, competitive and resilient nation in line with the nation's aspirations under Vision 2020".--Bernama