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Dialogue-Reactions

DR MAHATHIR'S PROPOSAL WELL RECEIVED BY DIALOGUE PARTICIPANTS

LANGKAWI, July 30 (Bernama) -- Heads of governments, ministers and also captains industries agreed with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's proposal that the success of Malaysia Incorporated be made a model for smart partnership for the world's economic prosperity.

They shared the views of the Prime Minister that Malaysia Incorporated launched on February 25 1983 had been successful in consolidating the economy which brought the country to excellence in several fields.

They said the concept benefited not only the government but the private sector as well as the people.

The smart partnership concept which is the brainchild of Dr Mahathir should be considered as an answer to various world problems today.

Botswana's President, Sir Ketumile Masire said although his country had started practising the incorporated concept, they could visualise the concept more clearly after it was explained by Dr Mahathir when he declared open the Langkawi International Dialogue (LID) on the Smart Partnership 1996 last night.

Dr Mahathir in his speech suggested to about 250 dialogue participants that they studied the incorporated concept of a country as a wholesome example of smart partnership.

The Prime Minister said Malaysia Incorporated would be more superior with the cooperation of trade unions while the workers' traditional beliefs which viewed the employers as enemies should be eradicated.

Zimbabwe's Transport and Technology Minister Simon K. Moyo said the world had to change and could not continue to depend on past glories.

"The smart partnership, therefore, is the answer to today's problems in the world because it benefits every one. The private sector and the government should act as a family to develop the country's economy like in Malaysia," he said.

Moyo said the smart partnership was very important to south countries, especially in Africa for strengthening existing cooperation.

Malta's Finance Minister John Dalli agreed that trade unions should help make a success of the incorporated concept which would help in the implementation of the smart partnership.

He said trade unions should realise that they were important in making a success of economic activities in national development.

"In Malta, we give priority to cooperation and we told the trade unions that the amalgamation of both parties was a vital component of development processes," he said.

Chairman of Rolls Royce United Kingdom, Ralph Robins who is joint chairman of the LID said everyone should be prepared to implement Dr Mahathir's proposal.

He said cooperation should be established with the trade unions so that the incorporated concept and the smart partnership could achieve excellence.

Transfield Defence Systems Director Peter Bowler said the Prime Minister's suggestion was timely because everyone could contribute significantly to the success of such a partnership.

"The Prime Minister's statement is very important because all developments are for the people and the people in turn must play their part in improving achievements and to grab all potential successes," he said.

Mauritius Works Minister Muhammad Siddiek Chady said Malaysia's success was the result of the smart partnership and incorporations goaded by the government's leadership ability. -- BERNAMA

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