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PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD COOPERATE WITH GOVT IN ECONOMIC REVIVAL- MP

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- The private sector should cooperate with the government in efforts to revive the economy while the people should remain united to ensure the success of these efforts, the Barisan Nasional member for Senai Datuk Lim Si Cheng said today.

Hence the task of reviving the economy should not be left to the government alone, he said when taking part in the debate on the Supply Bill 1999 in the Dewan Rakyat.

He said the people's support and involvement were vital as Malaysia had adopted its own approach to get out of the economic turmoil rejecting the age-old IMF prescription which had not cured the ills elsewhere.

Malaysia was now looked upon as a model in handling economic problems, he said and pointed out that several countries were now seeing the benefits from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for regulating currency trading and preventing manipulation.

He also said the Budget tabled by the Prime Minister on Friday provided more opportunities for students to further their studies at institutions of higher learning.

The government had provided 84,000 places at institutions of higher learning next year compared to 77,600 at present.

On the skills courses for youths at Mara Activity Centres, he said these would not be effective if they did not cover business management and administration aspects.

Robert Lau Hoi Chew (BN-Sibu) said the Budget was aimed at bringing about economic recovery in a short period of time.

The Budget embraced the global concept to attract more foreign investors to the country, he added.

The Dewan will sit again tomorrow.

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