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ENHANCE SKILLS TO USE MODERN TECHNOLOGY- PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 9 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister today urged government servants to learn and enhance their skills in using modern technology so that they can increase their productivity and provide better service.

"If we are unable to use this technology, we will be left behind. Hence the government encourages all ministries, departments and agencies to use it in all their official dealings," Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

"We should try and use new technology even though the cost may be a bit high as through this, productivity can be increased particularly among those providing service to the people," he said.

Dr Mahathir was launching the E-Commerce technology-based project of the Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia in conjunction with his visit to the Land and Cooperative Development Ministry here.

He said the call to use modern technology had been well received even though there were some who did not use it fully.

Long-serving civil servants perhaps might not be too comfortable using the latest technology but they should learn and use it continuously for only in this way their skills could be enhanced, Dr Mahathir said.

Since the invention of the semiconductor, various new items with high capacity and speed had been produced and the government had been keeping abreast of this fast developing technology, he said.

Dr Mahathir said a person who was computer literate could use this skill in the fields he ventured into after retirement such as the business field.

Speaking at a news conference later, he said there were some civil servants who were afraid of using modern technology and were still going for the old ways in their day to day work.

They should change their mindset and be bold enough to try new technology with guidance from those who had the skills.

He said the Malaysian Administrative, Modernisation and Manpower Planning Unit (Mampu) had come up with various methods of helping government agencies enhance their skills in using modern technology in their daily operations.

Minister of Land and Cooperative Development Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam was also present.

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