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TEKNOLOJI MARA, SYAH ALAM, PADA
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● Yang Mulia Raja Tan Sri Mohar,

YB Datuk Dr. Arshad Ayub,

YB Menteri-Menteri,

Tuan-tuan Terutama,

Para hadirin sekalian,

1. I wish to thank the Bumiputra Executives Committee (Jawatankuasa Eksekutif Bumiputra) and the Mara Institute of Technology for inviting me to officially open the Programme for Executive Development this morning. This programme is a much needed and urgent one in the process of implementing the new Economic Policy which provides, among others, for the creation of a Malay commercial and industrial community.

Let me say at once that the Malays are not incapable of participating actively and effectively in the commercial and industrial life of the country. They are as capable of adapting themselves to new challenges and endeavours as any other community in this country. What they need are opportunities. Whatever might have been said of them in the past, there is now a new and rising generation of Malays, with a will and determination to succeed and progress, and a desire to share the opportunities and wealth which the country can offer. Let no one try to frustrate them.

2. Realising all too well this feeling, the Government has embarked on the New Economic Policy which aims to restructure our society and redress the insidious imbalances which still plague our nation.

3. This Programme for Executive Development is one of the steps taken by the Government, in a meaningful and effective way, to develop and speed up the supply of trained and qualified bumiputra managers and executives in commerce and industry. May I congratulate the Committee for recommending the programme and the Mara Institute of Technology for being the institution chosen to carry it out. As we have been informed, the programme is a comprehensive and highly intensive one requiring the full and undivided attention of the participants.

As a start 50 places will be offered and applicants must be university graduates. The Public Services Department has very kindly offered to sponsor all the first batch of 50 participants. However, firms in the private sector, as part of their training programmes for their employees, should come forward, either now or in the future, and offer scholarships.

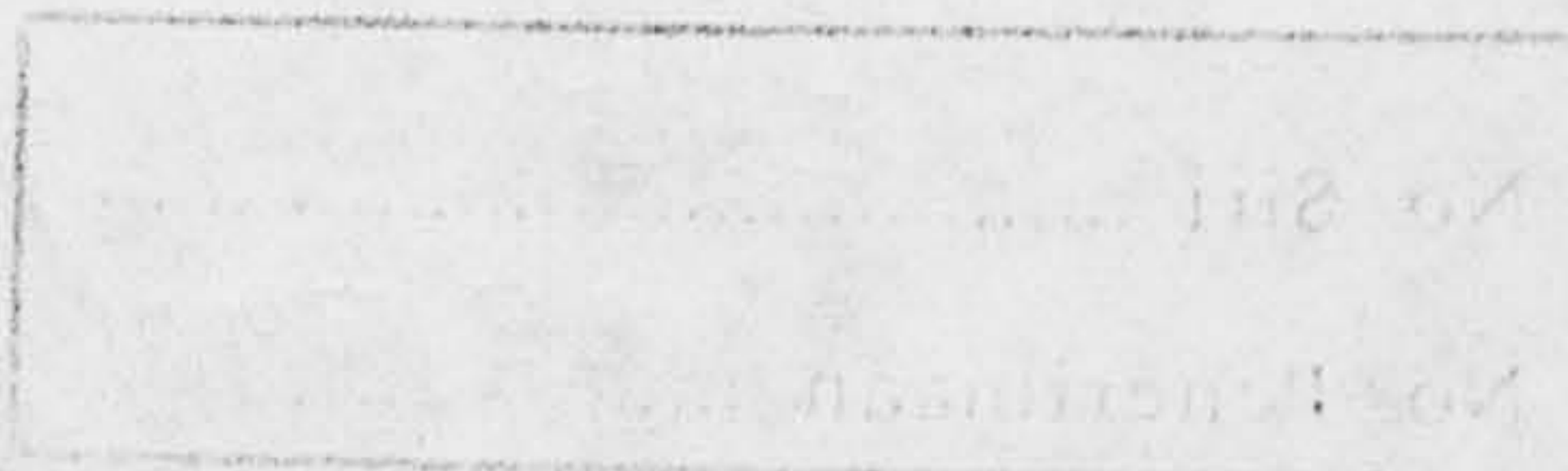
4. As I have indicated from time to time, the Government is very serious in implementing the new Economic Policy and the active participation of bumiputras in the economic life of the country. My ministry has established a division, fully staffed, to ensure such bumiputra participation.

Further, I have set up an Action Committee under my chairmanship to formulate implementation policies and put them into effect... I must say with great regret that for years the private sector, especially the foreign firms, have been paying only lip-service in cooperating with the Government in the implementation of the new economic policy. Let it not be forgotten that about 50% of the goods imported into this country are purchased and consumed or used by bumiputras, and that about equal percentage of the export of some of the main primary products of this country are produced by bumiputras. And yet the import and export trades in these commodities are entirely in the hands of others, especially foreign firms.

And worse still, even the distribution trade in all these commodities is almost entirely in the hands of non-bumiputras. This state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely without arousing severe reaction from the bumiputras. Non-bumiputra firms, especially foreign ones, are well-advised to make every effort to reorientate their thinking and business methods in line with changing times. I say all these not in anger but as a well-meaning, friendly and sincere advice which merits serious thought and consideration. I have duties and responsibilities to discharge and I will not shirk from discharging them.

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