

# M'sians need to work hard to attain long-term success

I CANNOT agree more with Tan Sri Raman Navaratnam on the ineffective implementation of the New Economic Policy, "Pampering will do more harm" (*The Star*, Dec 4).

Let me paraphrase the main shortcoming of the New Economic Policy with a simple example.

The implementation of the NEP is akin to having a jug with many

holes at its base.

No matter how much water we pour into it, the jug will never fill up (achieve the goal) until and unless the holes are filled up.

Every Malaysian, irrespective of race, needs to work hard to attain long-term success.

Pampering and free handouts will not work in the long run.

There is nothing wrong in giving

a fish a day to a man in the short run.

But at the same time you also need to teach him how to fish and equip him with the skills and equipment.

Sooner or later, he must learn to stand on his own feet.

Let me quote what Napoleon Hill had to say on being strong, resilient and tough despite the strong

odds against us: "The strongest oak of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm or hidden from the sun.

"It's the one that stands in the open where it is compelled to struggle for its existence against the winds, rains and scorching sun."

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