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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 9 (BERNAMA) -- THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED NATIONAL UNIVERSITY WILL BE ONE OF THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL WHEN IT MEETS HERE NEXT MONTH.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY NEXT YEAR WAS +DEFINITE+ BUT A SITE FOR IT HAD YET TO BE DECIDED UPON, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, *DR. MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMED,* TOLD BERNAMA TODAY.

+IT WILL BE DISCUSSED WHEN THE COUNCIL MEETS ON MARCH 7,+ HE ADDED.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE COURSES TO BE TAUGHT MIGHT ALSO BE DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY EDUCATION.

THE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PROF. HAMZAH SENDUT, DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA, IS ONE OF THREE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA MORE 1320

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THE OTHER TWO ARE THE COMMITTEE ON COLLEGE EDUCATION AND THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT MEANWHILE, THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PROPOSED NATIONAL UNIVERSITY WAS BEING DRAFTED BY A COMMITTEE HEADED BY THE PRO-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA, JUSTICE TAN SRI MOHAMED SUFFIAN BIN HASHIM.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIVE-MAN COMMITTEE WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ENCHE MOHAMED KHIR JOHARI, LAST MONTH.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT AFTER COMPLETING THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION, THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE WOULD SUBMIT IT TO ENCHE KHIR WHO WOULD SEND IT TO COUNCIL.

+THE COUNCIL WILL THEN STUDY THE DRAFT AND MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MINISTER,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE 1323

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THREE OTHER PROJECTS -- THE PROPOSED POLYTECHNIC IN IPOH, THE PENANG UNIVERSITY, AND THE PROPOSED CONVERSION OF THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE HERE INTO A COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY -- WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL.

ON THE PROPOSED TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN COLLEGE AND THE PROJECT OF THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE TO START A JUNIOR COLLEGE, DR. MAHATHIR SAID:

+THE COUNCIL HAS YET TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE SCOPE AND PURPOSES OF THESE COLLEGES OR HOW THEY CAN FIT INTO THE HIGHER EDUCATION PATTERN OF THE COUNTRY.+ -- BERNAMA 1325