

The cost of keeping a student in the varsity...

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PPETALING JAYA, Thurs. — Seven-hundred and thirty-two new students of the University Kebangsaan were told today that it costs the Government \$9,000 a year to keep each of them at the institutions of higher learning. p

"This is equivalent to the yearly income of eight workers and their dependents," chairman of the university's council, Dr. Mahathir Mohamed said.

He was addressing the students at an oath-taking ceremony at the Al-Malik Faisal hall of the university.

The students led by

Fuad bin Hassan, 22, of Kampung Dato' Keramat here pledged that they would work hard and strictly adhere to the university's discipline.

Dr. Mahathir said they should not regard the pledge as mere lip service but to strictly adhere to it. He called on them to work hard in return to the sacrifice for the sacrifice contributed to their upkeep at the university.

No brain drain

"The sacrifice made by them would be wasted if you fall in your studies," he said.

He added that by 1980 the university would have spent a total of \$95 million on development.

The university's acting vice - Chancellor, Prof. Mohamed Ghazali Abdul

Rahman, in welcoming the students urged them to make full use of the opportunity given to them.

He said the university was set up to meet the need of the people and the country. It was to enable students especially from the Malay medium stream to further their studies.

"As one of the institutions of higher learning we are expected to produce qualified bumiputras now in short supply," he said.

He added that the university had a dedicated group of staff and was not experiencing a brain-drain.

"The success or failure of the university depends very much on the students themselves," he said.