

KUALA KANGSAR, SEPT. 14, (BERNAMA) — EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED URGED TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS TODAY TO ADOPT A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION.

SUCH AN ATTITUDE COULD INSPIRE GREATER, WHOLEHEARTED EFFORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID.

+THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN ANY FIELD OF KNOWLEDGE IS THE STUDENT HIMSELF AND RESPONSIBLE PARTIES LIKE PARENTS AND TEACHERS SHOULD ALSO ADOPT A PROPER AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THAT PARTICULAR FIELD.+

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF THE CLIFFORD SCHOOL HERE. DR. MAHATHIR ALSO OPENED AN EXTENSION BUILDING.

THE MINISTER OUTLINED SEVERAL WAYS OF +SOWING+ THE DESIRED VALUES AMONG THE PEOPLE CONCERNED.

ONE WAS THROUGH FULL UTILISATION OF PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS —BERNAMA MORE 1420/IK

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+SUCH ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD HOLD REGULAR DIALOGUE SESSIONS FOR EXCHANGES OF IDEAS AND SEEK WAYS OF HELPING UNDERPRIVILEGED PUPILS.+

PARENTS SHOULD ALSO MAKE IT A HABIT TO ATTEND SCHOOL OPEN DAYS AND EXHIBITIONS.

THEY SHOULD RESERVE SOME OF THEIR TIME FOR STUDYING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE SCHOOL AND HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH TEACHERS OVER THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

GREATER CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS WOULD SEE THE ADVENT OF A MORE UNITED, PROGRESSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE GENERATION, HE SAID.

HE DISCLOSED THAT FROM NEXT YEAR, ALL NATIONAL TYPE ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS WOULD BECOME FULL-FLEDGED NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHERE ALL SUBJECTS EXCEPT FOR THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE WOULD BE TAUGHT IN BAHASA MALAYSIA.

NEXT YEAR, STUDENTS FROM CHINESE AND TAMIL SCHOOLS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND BAHASA MALAYSIA REMOVE CLASSES.

IN 1976, BAHASA MALAYSIA WILL BE THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN ALL FORM ONE CLASSES OF GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND IN 1983, FOR ALL SUBJECTS FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS OF LOCAL UNIVERSITIES. —BERNAMA 1425/IK