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PETALING JAYA, SEPT. 15 (BERNAMA) ¹⁹⁷⁴ — THE EDUCATION MINISTRY IS STUDYING THE SYSTEM OF STREAMING STUDENTS TO FORM FOUR AND SIX SCIENCE AND ARTS CLASSES.

STATING THIS TODAY, EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID HE WOULD PERSONALLY SEE THAT THE SYSTEM WOULD NOT ACT AGAINST INTERESTS OF STUDENTS ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM THE RURAL AREAS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH AND PRIZE-GIVING DAY OF THE SULTAN ABDUL SAMAD SCHOOL HERE.

THE MINISTER STRESSED THAT UNDER THE SECOND MALAYSIA PLAN EDUCATION PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN PREPARING AND HARNESSING HUMAN RESOURCES TOWARDS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.

IT WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING ABOUT NATIONAL UNITY, INCREASING THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AND PER CAPITA INCOME.

HE SAID TO ENSURE THAT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM WOULD MEET NATIONAL NEEDS MORE EFFECTIVELY, IT WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE CHANGES IN THE CURRICULUM, METHOD OF TEACHING, TEACHING PERSONNEL AND OTHER ASPECTS. — BERNAMA MORE 1655/A1

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DR. MAHATHIR ADDED THAT PARENTS REGARDED EDUCATION WITH DIFFERENT VIEWS AND NOT ALL STUDENTS POSSESSED SIMILAR CAPABILITIES. CHILDREN'S INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES THEREFORE MADE EDUCATION AN EVEN MORE COMPLEX PROBLEM.

HE SAID THAT IF LEFT TO THEIR OWN DISCRETION, STUDENTS WOULD GO FOR THE EASY SUBJECTS. IT WAS VITAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND PARENTS SHOULD EXERCISE SOME CONTROL OVER STUDENTS' CHOICE OF EDUCATION.

THIS WAS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL AND TO CHECK IT FROM DEVIATION FROM THE DESIRES OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS ALONE, DR. MAHATHIR SAID, COULD NOT ASSURE AN INDIVIDUAL OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE. HE ALSO HAS TO HAVE A BEHAVIOURAL PATTERN ACCEPTABLE TO SOCIETY.

THE EDUCATION MINISTRY HAS APPROVED \$210,000 FOR THE SCHOOL FOR A LIBRARY, FIVE CLASSROOMS, THREE PURE SCIENCE LABORATORIES AND OTHER FACILITIES. — BERNAMA 1659/A1