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IPOH, SEPT. 16 (BERNAMA) -- EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY HE WILL SEE TO IT THAT THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY IS CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY AND AS SCHEDULED.

HE BELIEVED ITS IMPLEMENTATION WAS GATHERING MORE MOMENTUM.

IT WAS THE PEOPLE'S WISH THAT THIS POLICY ACHIEVE FULL SUCCESS, HE ADDED AT THE SPEECH AND PRIZE-GIVING DAY OF THE TUANKU ABDUL RAHMAN SCHOOL HERE.

MALAYSIA BEING A COUNTRY OF MANY RACES, NATIONAL UNITY WAS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE.

THE MINISTER WAS SURE THE UNITY WOULD EMERGE FROM A NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY THROUGH BAHASA MALAYSIA AS THE MEDIUM OF EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION.

IN THIS CONTEXT, BAHASA MALAYSIA WOULD NOT ONLY BE A LANGUAGE OF KNOWLEDGE BUT ALSO OF UNITY, A LANGUAGE THAT WOULD SHAPE A TRULY MALAYSIAN SPIRIT, VALUES, THINKING AND ATTITUDE AMONG THE PEOPLE.

ON SCIENCE SCHOOLS, DR. MAHATHIR DISCLOSED \$23.8 MILLION WAS ESTIMATED TO BE SPENT EVERY YEAR ON RUNNING 20 FULLY-RESIDENTIAL AND SECONDARY SCIENCE SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA MORE 1607/A1

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THIS MEANT THE GOVERNMENT SPENT ABOUT \$1.2 MILLION ON EACH OF THE SCHOOLS A YEAR.

+WE WANT EVERY CENT TO GIVE RECIPROCAL RETURNS,+ HE ADDED.

IN VIEW OF THIS, THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT SUCH SCHOOLS WOULD REALLY GIVE THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION.

THEY SHOULD BE TOLD THAT EDUCATING OF STUDENTS IN SUCH SCHOOLS WAS AN INVESTMENT TO PRODUCE USEFUL MANPOWER FOR THE COUNTRY.

HE STRESSED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF A COUNTRY.

+THIS BELIEF CAUSES US TO EMPHASISE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS SYSTEM WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SECONDARY SCIENCE SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE NATION TO ACHIEVE GREATER NATIONAL PROGRESS.+ -- BERNAMA MORE 1612/A1

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE SETTING UP OF SCIENCE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WAS A COURAGEOUS STEP WHICH HAD BECOME A FEATURE OF THE COUNTRY'S SCHOOLS SYSTEM.

THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO BRING NINE FULLY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS INTO A SCHOOLING SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE SCIENCE SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

HE REMINDED TEACHERS WHO NORMALLY TAUGHT IN ENGLISH TO BE PREPARED TO SWITCH OVER TO BAHASA MALAYSIA.

THE MINISTER SAID THAT NEXT YEAR PUPILS IN NATIONAL TYPE ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHO WERE TAUGHT IN BAHASA MALAYSIA WOULD BE IN STANDARD SIX.

THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THAT MEDIUM IN 1976.

ALSO FROM NEXT YEAR, ALL ENGLISH REMOVE CLASSES WILL BE ABOLISHED AND ONLY BAHASA MALAYSIA REMOVE CLASSES LEFT FOR PUPILS FROM NATIONAL TYPE CHINESE AND TAMIL SCHOOLS. -- BERNAMA 1615/A1

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