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KOTA BAHRU, SEPT. 28, (BERNAMA)—EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED GAVE AN ASSURANCE TODAY THAT THE COMMITTEE REVIEWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EDUCATION POLICY WILL GIVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ALL SECTORS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

HE SAID THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WOULD STUDY MEMORANDA FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.

DR. MAHATHIR, WHO WAS OPENING THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE KELANTAN MALAY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HERE, SAID HE WAS MAKING THIS POINT CLEAR SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DOUBT AS TO HOW THE COMMITTEE ACTED AND CARRIED OUT ITS FUNCTIONS.

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED WITH MINISTERS AS MEMBERS SO THAT ANY DECISION IT ARRIVED AT WOULD BE MORE READILY ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID A SPECIAL SECRETARIAT WOULD BE SET UP TO PREPARE WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS OF THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS.  
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HE SAID EDUCATION EXPERTS AND CERTAIN OTHERS MIGHT BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

DR. MAHATHIR URGED TEACHERS TO CONSTANTLY STRIVE TO BE EFFECTIVE IN THEIR JOB.

IT MAY BE, HE SAID, THAT THE TRAINING THEY RECEIVED IN TEACHERS' COLLEGES SOME YEARS AGO WAS NO LONGER ADEQUATE IN VIEW OF ADVANCES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THEY SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO UP-DATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE, AND IN THIS TEACHERS' ORGANISATIONS COULD HELP.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE ROLE OF TEACHERS WAS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF OLD FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

TEACHERS SHOULD NO LONGER SPOON-FEED THEIR PUPILS BUT GIVE THEM GUIDANCE TO ENABLE THEM TO CARRY OUT INDEPENDENT STUDY. --

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