

KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 19 (BERNAMA) -- SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MALAYSIA, WILL MOVE A RESOLUTION FOR A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE PROVISION FOR A MALAY CULTURE PROJECT AT THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO IN PARIS.

P EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID THE RESOLUTION WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE MALAY CULTURE PROJECT SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE EXTENDED NOT ONLY TO THE CULTURES IN OCEANIA BUT ALSO TO OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN CULTURES.

THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS AGREED UPON BY EXPERTS FROM INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES AND MALAYSIA AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF MALAY CULTURE IN INDONESIA IN MAY THIS YEAR.

DR. MAHATHIR TOLD REPORTERS AT THE KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEFORE LEAVING TONIGHT FOR A TWO-WEEK VISIT TO FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS TO ACHIEVE AN INTEGRATED CULTURAL PROGRAMME FOR THE REGION.

HE SAID THAT IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY, HE WOULD URGE THE ASSEMBLY TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE REGIONAL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE SEAMEO REGION AND FOR GREATER CO-ORDINATION OF EFFORT IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF UNESCO AND SEAMEO PROGRAMMES. ---BERNAMA MORE 2135/IK

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→ ON THE CONFERENCE'S RECRUITMENT POLICY, HE SAID THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE STAFFED WITH INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS, REFLECTING THE WORLD'S DIVERSE CULTURES AND REGIONS.

OVER THE YEARS, HE SAID, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE UNDER-REPRESENTED IN THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ORGANISATION'S PROGRAMME.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID HIS DELEGATION WOULD SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE FROM THE PHILIPPINES WHO WOULD STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE CONFERENCE'S EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DELEGATION MEMBERS WOULD BE MEETING OFFICIALS IN THE UNESCO SECRETARIAT TO DISCUSS REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PARTICIPATION AND REGULAR PROGRAMMES.

DR. MAHATHIR WILL LEAVE PARIS FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM ON SATURDAY TO MEET MALAYSIAN STUDENTS IN LONDON, BRIGHTON AND GLASGOW AND VISIT VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE CHELSEA CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND THE OPEN UNIVERSITY. ---
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