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KUALA LUMPUR, JAN. 17 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA WILL SPEND ABOUT \$4.6 MILLION ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE REGIONAL CENTRE OF EDUCATION IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (RECSAM) IN PENANG DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

P. EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY MALAYSIA WOULD CONTRIBUTE \$150,000 TO THE EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT FUND OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIAN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION ORGANISATION (SEAMEO) DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE PHILIPPINES TOMORROW TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIAN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION COUNCIL FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE CONFERENCE WOULD AMONG OTHER THINGS, DISCUSS:

- FINANCIAL SCHEMES AND OTHER PROJECTS IN RELATION TO REGIONAL CENTRES,
- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN SEAMEO AND UNESCO, AND
- STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

HE SAID MALAYSIA CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$90,000 TOWARDS THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIAN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION SECRETARIAT LAST YEAR. -- BERNAMA 1515/AI