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ALOR STAR, JAN 12 (BERNAMA)-THE FUTURE PROSPECTS OF STUDENTS OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS ARE AS BRIGHT AS THOSE OF OTHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY, THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, SAID TODAY.

HE SAID A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS WERE TAUGHT IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS SUCH AS ELECTRICAL WIRING, WELDING, AIR-CONDITIONING, MOTOR MECHANICS AND OTHERS.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS A BIG DEMAND FOR SKILLED WORKERS IN THESE FIELDS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE VOCATIONAL AND SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS HERE, HE EXPRESSED REGRET OVER THE MISCONCEPTION BY SOME PARENTS AND STUDENTS WHO HAD BEEN SELECTED TO ATTEND THE SCHOOLS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT TO OPEN UP LOT OF SUCH SCHOOLS WAS TO CREATE SKILLED WORKERS AMONG BUMIPUTRAS.

HE HAD DIRECTED PRINCIPALS OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS ON THE COURSES AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOLS AND THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO THEM. - BERNAMA HM 1812