

# MALAYSIA TO SPEND \$4m ON RECSAM

**KUALA LUMPUR, Sat.** — Malaysia is expected to spend about \$4.6 million on the operations of the Regional Centre for Science and Mathematics (RECSAM) in Penang over the next five years, Education Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed said yesterday.

RECSAM is one of the SEAMEO (Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation) centres to help member countries to improve the teaching standards of Science and Mathematics in elementary and secondary schools in the

region.

He said Malaysia would contribute \$150,000 annually for the next five years to the SEAMEO Education Development Fund.

## Programmes

Dr. Mahathir was speaking at a news conference in conjunction with his departure today to the Philippines to attend the 10th conference of the South-East Asian Ministers of Education Council (SEAMEC) which begins on Monday.

He said the five-day meeting would discuss a number of important issues.

These will include the financial schemes and other projects in relation to regional centres; the establishment of formal relations between SEAMEO and UNESCO; and staff development programmes.

Dr. Mahathir said that Malaysia contributed \$90,420 towards the management of the South-East Asian Ministers of Education Secretariat for 1974/1975.