

How parents can help to bring up a new school

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EDUCATION Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said parents must help teachers in every way to make their children's education successful.

The Government had spent millions of dollars in textbook aid. It is the duty of every parent to see that their children studied diligently, he added. In a speech read by the Deputy Director of Education, Tuan Haji Murad Mohd. Noor, at the opening of the Bukit Kapar National School.

Dr. Mahathir urged all students to value government aid, to study hard and obtain outstanding success.

The growth of the new school was not only in the hands of the Government but it also depended on the co-opera-

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tion of parents, teachers, students and the whole community.

"With this new school building, the Parent-Teacher Association will be able to strengthen the development of the school.

"Even though this school is in the rural district, it has sufficient facilities compared to other rural schools."

Dr. Mahathir said there were rural schools which had no proper roofing and other facilities but the Government was doing its best to correct this.

"Usually, when a new building is completed, all kinds of shortages are brought to the attention of the Education Minis-

try, while less fortunate schools still carry on without proper roofs and seats.

"If we change our outlook and place more importance on education than on a beautiful building, more children will be able to enjoy the benefits given by the Government."

The lack of trained manpower and other aids was one of the problems faced by schools.

The board of governors and the PTA can help a lot to overcome a school's problems.

They can act independently, and air their views to the proper authorities.

Dr. Mahathir said teachers must work closely with society. They should co-operate with the Board and the PTA to better the school.