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KLANG, APRIL 3 (BERNAMA) -- SCHOOL FEES FOR FORM ONE WILL BE ABOLISHED FROM NEXT YEAR, EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE SAID AS FROM NEXT YEAR ALL FORM ONE SUBJECTS IN ENGLISH AND NATIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD BE TAUGHT IN BAHASA MALAYSIA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ENGLISH AND PUPILS' OWN LANGUAGES.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS IN HIS MESSAGE AT THE OPENING OF THE BUKIT KAPAR NATIONAL SCHOOL NEAR HERE. IT WAS DELIVERED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION HAJI MURAD MOHAMAD NOOR.

ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOLS, DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT IN SCHOOLS.

OLD AND UNSUITABLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS WOULD BE REPLACED BY NEW ONES IN STAGES.

THIS NEEDED A LOT OF MONEY AND AS SUCH IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO PUT UP ATTRACTIVE BUILDINGS. THE MONEY WOULD BE SPENT INSTEAD ON EQUIPMENT AND OTHER TEACHING FACILITIES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1141/LK

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THE MINISTER SAID SCHOOL BOARDS OF GOVERNORS AND PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SOLVING PROBLEMS FACED BY SCHOOLS.

THEY WERE IN A POSITION TO KNOW BETTER ABOUT THE SHORTCOMINGS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS THAN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE MINISTRY.

THEY COULD ACT ON THEIR OWN OR SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.

DR. MAHATHIR URGED STUDENTS TO IDENTIFY THEIR PROBLEMS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS.

ON TEXT-BOOK LOAN, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON THE SCHEME.

AS SUCH PARENTS SHOULD CO-OPERATE WITH THE TEACHERS TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THEIR CHILDREN. -- BERNAMA 1144/LK