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PENANG, APRIL 7 (BERNAMA) — EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY THAT THE QUALITY OF HEADMASTERS WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS.

HE DEFINED A GOOD HEADMASTER AS ONE WHO WAS CAPABLE AND RESOURCEFUL, COULD DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PERSONAL MATTERS AND SCHOOL AFFAIRS AND ENJOYED THE CONFIDENCE OF STUDENTS AND PARENTS.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS OF CALIBRE +DO NOT WAIT FOR NEW BUILDINGS TO BE ERECTED BEFORE THEY REALLY GET DOWN TO THE TASK AT HAND.+

+THEY USE ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE WISELY AND PROVIDE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING A MODERN ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR HEADMASTERS AT UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA HERE.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE HAD VISITED SCHOOLS +WITH NO STONE PILLARS AND TILES+ WHICH YET SHOWED VERY SATISFACTORY PROGRESS. —  
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AND ALL THIS PROGRESS WAS DUE TO THE HEADMASTERS WHO WERE DEDICATED AND ABLE TO LEAD TEACHERS EFFECTIVELY, HE ADDED.

THE MINISTER SAID THAT IT WOULD BE +A TRAGEDY+ FOR PRINCIPALS TO WAIT FOR THE ERECTION OF BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS BEFORE CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

+IT IS NOT EASY TO REPLACE ALL OLD SCHOOL BUILDINGS WITHIN A SHORT TIME.+

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IT WAS TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENCY OF HEADMASTERS THAT HIS MINISTRY HAD PROVIDED VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

FOR EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION, IT WAS ALSO ESSENTIAL FOR HEADMASTERS TO PLACE DUE IMPORTANCE TO HUMAN RELATIONS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID PRINCIPALS SHOULD ALSO BE FAIR IN THEIR ALLOTMENT OF WORK TO TEACHERS AND SEE THAT THERE WAS DISCIPLINE AT ALL LEVELS.

THEY THEMSELVES SHOULD BE A MODEL FOR THE TEACHERS WHO SHOULD IN TURN BE AN EXAMPLE FOR THE STUDENTS, HE ADDED. —BERNAMA  
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