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MAHATHIR-RESULTS 3 KUALA LUMPUR (REOPENS ITEM 109):

ON THE HSC, DR. MAHATHIR SAID 2,370 OR 61.1 PER CENT OF THE 4,696 CANDIDATES OBTAINED FULL CERTIFICATES.

THE FIGURE WAS A 2.6 PER CENT DECREASE COMPARED WITH 1973 WHEN 63.7 PER CENT OF THE CANDIDATES PASSED.

IN THE SCIENCE STREAM, 1,825 OR 65.2 PER CENT OF 2,800 CANDIDATES WERE AWARDED FULL CERTIFICATES. IN 1973, THE FIGURE WAS 68.3 PER CENT.

IN ARTS STREAM, 1,049 OR 55.3 PER CENT OF 1,896 CANDIDATES OBTAINED FULL CERTIFICATES.

COMPARED WITH THE 1973 RESULTS, THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FELL BY 1.9 PER CENT FROM 57.2 PER CENT. -- BERNAMA MORE 1917/ZCM

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FOR THE STP, 622 OR 38.6 PER CENT OF THE 1,717 CANDIDATES OBTAINED FULL CERTIFICATES WHILE 1,029 OR 59.9 PER CENT OBTAINED STATEMENTS.

THIS FIGURE, ACCORDING TO DR. MAHATHIR, SHOWED AN IMPROVEMENT OF 2.1 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THAT OF 1973.

HE SAID OF THE 507 CANDIDATES IN THE SCIENCE STREAM, ONLY 54 OR 10.6 PER CENT OBTAINED FULL CERTIFICATES COMPARED WITH 8.7 PER CENT FOR 973.

FOR THE ARTS STREAM, 608 OR 50.2 PER CENT OF THE 1,210 CANDIDATES OBTAINED FULL CERTIFICATES COMPARED WITH 48.3 PER CENT IN 1973.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID HIS MINISTRY WAS CONDUCTING A STUDY INTO THE RESULTS FOR EACH SCHOOL AND SEND THEM TO THE SCHOOLS CONCERNED.

HE HOPED THAT THE REPORT ON THE STUDY BE USED AS A GUIDE TO HELP OVERCOME THE WEAKNESSES OF THE STUDENTS IN ALL THE EXAMINATIONS. -- BERNAMA 1950/SZ