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MAHATHIR-BOOKS

KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 21 (BERNAMA) — THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WILL SUPPLY SCHOOLS WITH MORE REFERENCE AND SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO READ MORE WIDELY.

THIS IS BECAUSE MALAYSIAN STUDENTS DEPEND TOO MUCH ON PRESCRIBED TEXTBOOKS TO PASS THEIR EXAMINATIONS, THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN AFTER RECEIVING A \$10,000 CHEQUE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MOBIL OIL MALAYSIA SDN. BHD., ENCIK A.L. FERGUSSON, HERE TODAY.

ENCIK FERGUSSON SAID THE MONEY REPRESENTED THE COMPANY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S FREE TEXTBOOK SCHEME.

LAST YEAR, IT CONTRIBUTED \$10,000 WORTH OF TEXTBOOKS TO FELDA SETTLERS' CHILDREN. IN 1973, IT SPENT \$7,000 ON A SIMILAR PROJECT. — BERNAMA 1737/A1