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JERTEH, MAY 11 (BERNAMA)-- STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO INCREASE THE SKILLED MANPOWER IN THE COUNTRY TO MEET PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID IN LINE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE THE GOVERNMENT WAS SPENDING HUGE SUMS OF MONEY ON EDUCATION.

OPENING THE SEKOLAH MENENGAH SERI NERING HERE TODAY, HE SAID WITHOUT THE NECESSARY MANPOWER THE COUNTRY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE FULL USE OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.

HE URGED PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO CO-OPERATE CLOSELY WITH EACH OTHER TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

PARENTS SHOULD ALSO EXERCISE GREATER CONTROL OVER THEIR CHILDREN TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING INFLUENCED BY BAD ELEMENTS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID A TOTAL OF \$5.9 MILLION HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TRENGGANU THIS YEAR.

MORE PROJECTS, INCLUDING HOSTELS, SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE STATE DURING THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN.

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LATER, WHEN HE OPENED THE NEW BUILDING OF THE SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN TANAH MERAH, DR. MAHATHIR ADVISED TEACHERS NOT TO BE ARROGANT AND PROUD AMONG THE PEOPLE IN THE AREAS THEY SERVED.

HE SAID TEACHERS SHOULD NOT ADOPT SUCH AN ATTITUDE BUT SHOULD ESTABLISH CLOSE RAPPORT WITH THE PEOPLE.

HE DISCLOSED THAT THE MINISTRY HAD SO FAR BUILT NINE FULLY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AND 11 SCIENCE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY. IN AN EFFORT TO HELP RAISE THE STANDARD OF EDUCATION.

HE SAID HIS MINISTRY WAS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING MORE FULLY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS IN AN EFFORT TO HELP RAISE THE STANDARD OF EDUCATION. --BERNAMA 1822/IK