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ENGINEERS

(EMBARGO; FOR AUTOMATIC RELEASE AT NOON TODAY, MAY 12)

PETALING JAYA, MAY 12 (BERNAMA) — EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED TOLD ENGINEERS TODAY THAT THEY SHOULD NO LONGER WAIT FOR REQUESTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF ENVIRONMENT DUE TO DEVELOPMENT.

THEY SHOULD INSTEAD ANTICIPATE THE PROBLEMS AND WHERE POSSIBLE INCORPORATE CORRECTIVE MEASURES IN THEIR OVERALL PLANS. HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE ASIAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING OF PRACTISING CIVIL ENGINEERS HERE.

HE SAID THAT WHEN SUCH DIRECT INITIATIVE WAS NOT POSSIBLE, ENGINEERS SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND EVEN POLITICAL PROCESS OF EDUCATING AND CONTROLLING THE ENVIRONMENT.

ENGINEERING PROJECTS SHOULD BE PLANNED TO SERVE BOTH SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS AND NOT MERELY THOSE OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IT WAS BY CORRECTING THE MISTAKES MADE IN THE PAST AND PREVENTING THEIR REPETITION IN FUTURE PROJECTS THAT ENGINEERS COULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE.

HE URGED THEM NOT TO BE DISHEARTENED BY THE REISTANCE TO THEIR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS TO PREVENT POLLUTION AS THERE WAS OFTEN CONFLICT BETWEEN THE VARIOUS INTERESTS INVOLVED. — BERNAMA MORE

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→ +SOCIETY WILL ALWAYS RESIST CHANGE EVEN IF THE CHANGE IS TO THEIR OWN GOOD. DR. MAHATHIR

DR. MAHATHIR FELT SURE THAT IN FUTURE, ENGINEERS WOULD BECOME MORE AND MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

IN ADDITION, EDUCATORS WOULD BE FACED WITH THE NECESSITY OF HELPING TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLE WITH KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY TO HELP THEM COPE WITH CHANGE, AND FASHION FOR THEMSELVES MEANINGFUL LIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES, HE SAID.

+TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE TECHNOLOGIST TO EXPAND HIS GENERAL BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE TO ALLOW FOR FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF HIS PROPOSALS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BECOMING MORE COMPETENT IN HIS SPECIALISED FIELD. — BERNAMA 0933/A1

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→ THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, ENCIK Y.T. ENIANG, SAID THE WORKSHOP'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO GIVE A SELECTED GROUP OF SENIOR ASIAN CIVIL ENGINEERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INFORMED ON NEW CONCEPTS, METHODS AND TEACHING IN THEIR PROFESSION.

THEY WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS AND ADVISE ON WAYS AND MEANS OF SOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THEIR REGION INCLUDING ISSUES OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CIVIL ENGINEERS.

MORE THAN 30 DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS FROM 18 COUNTRIES — AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, BANGLADESH, BURMA, HONGKONG, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, JAPAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MALAYSIA, NEPAL, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA AND THAILAND — ARE ATTENDING THE 11-DAY WORKSHOP.

FIVE WORKING PAPERS COVERING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND EDUCATION WILL BE PRESENTED. — BERNAMA 1230/A1