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(EMBARGO: FOR AUTOMATIC RELEASE AFTER 5.30 P.M. TODAY)

SHAH ALAM, MAY 14 (BERNAMA) — MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (ITM) FINE ARTS GRADUATES WERE TODAY URGED TO HOLD ONE-MAN ART EXHIBITIONS IN THE RURAL AREAS.

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DR. MAHATHIR, SAID HERE TODAY THAT SUCH A STEP WOULD AROUSE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE FINE ARTS AND ALSO IN THE WORKS OF LOCAL ARTISTS.

OPENING THE FIFTH ART EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY ITM STUDENTS OF THE DIPLOMA OF FINE ARTS HERE, HE SAID THAT THE NATION NEEDED YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE CREATIVE AND TALENTED AS ARTISTS AND EDUCATORS.

SUCH PEOPLE COULD HELP DEVELOP A NATIONAL IDENTITY THROUGH THEIR WORKS. 198

FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WOULD RECRUIT MORE ART TEACHERS IN ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND THE TEACHING OF ART IN SCHOOLS, HE SAID.

ART, HE SAID, COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN TO BE CREATIVE AND PRODUCTIVE.

HE ADDED THAT ITM COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE TRAINING OF BUMIPUTRAS IN THE FIELD. — BERNAMA 1635/SZ

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ITM ACTING DIRECTOR ENCIK TAHIR MAJID SAID NEW ITM GRADUATES SHOULD NOT GO FOR SALARIED JOBS BUT SHOULD BECOME +THEIR OWN MASTER+. HE SAID THERE WERE NOT LESS THAN FOUR ADVERTISING AND DESIGN CONSULTANT FIRMS THAT HAD BEEN SET UP BY EX-ITM STUDENTS. A TOTAL OF 51 FINE ARTS STUDENTS ARE TAKING PART IN THE EXHIBITION WHICH ENDS ON SUNDAY. — BERNAMA 1800/YE