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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 16 (BERNAMA) -- EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SUGGESTED TODAY THAT A CODE OF ETHICS FOR TEACHERS BE FORMULATED.

THE CELEBRATIONS ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY COULD BE ENTRUSTED WITH DRAFTING UP THE CODE.

HE BELIEVED SUCH A CODE WOULD ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF TEACHERS AND OTHER EDUCATORS IF IT WAS ADHERED TO WITH SINCERITY AND FULL AWARENESS.

LAUNCHING NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE DEWAN TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN HERE, DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT SINCERITY, SOLIDARITY AMONG TEACHERS WERE PREREQUISITES FOR EFFICIENT SERVICE.

ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THE STANDARD OF TEACHING DID NOT SUFFER IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF TEACHERS WHO NOW TOTALLED NEARLY 30,000. - BERNAMA MORE 0940/HS

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THE MINISTER URGED TEACHERS TO PLAY THEIR PROPER ROLE IN THE PRESENT ERA OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THEY SHOULD PERCEIVE THE TIMES WERE NOW IN A STATE OF FLUX BRINGING IN GREAT CHANGES AND SHOULD PREPARE THEIR PUPILS ACCORDINGLY.

TEACHERS SHOULD ALSO HELP NURTURE AND REINFORCE THE TIES AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THEM AND PARENTS THROUGH PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS.

HE SAID TEACHERS WERE LEADERS IN SOCIETY AND THEY COULD DO A LOT TOWARDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTICIPATION OR GUIDANCE

IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

ON CLAIMS MADE BY TEACHERS RECENTLY, DR. MAHATHIR SAID SUCH REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY SO THEIR IMPLEMENTATION WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH SERVICE PRINCIPLES AND GIVE RISE TO OTHER DIFFICULTIES HINDERING SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE EDUCATION POLICY. - BERNAMA 0944/HS Cont. 13