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Y KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 23 (BERNAMA)-EDUCATION MINISTER (DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED EXPRESSED THE HOPE TODAY THAT STUDENTS WHO REPRESENT MALAYSIA OVERSEAS WOULD GIVE AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF THEIR COUNTRY TO OTHER STUDENTS.

HE SAID THAT IN THE PAST, MALAYSIAN STUDENTS HAD GIVEN INACCURATE ACCOUNTS OF THEIR COUNTRY.

HE WAS PRESENTING A PLANE TICKET TO STUDENT MOHAMED RANI BIN MOHAMED LAZIM WHO WILL REPRESENT MALAYSIA AT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GATHERING AT THE RISING SUN CAMP IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE TICKET WAS DONATED BY THE MOBIL OIL COMPANY WHICH IS SPONSORING MOHAMED RANI, A FORM FOUR STUDENT OF THE SCIENCE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN KUANTAN.

DR. MAHATHIR HOPED MOHAMED RANI WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE COUNTRY AND EXPLAIN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN RELATION TO THE MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY. -- BERNAMA MORE HM 1720

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THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR. A.L. FERGUSON, SAID MOHAMED RANI WAS THE FIFTH MALAYSIAN STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE GATHERING TO BE SPONSORED BY THE COMPANY.

HE SAID ALL THE YOUNG AMBASSADORS' WERE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.

MOHAMED RANI IS THE SECOND SON IN A FAMILY OF EIGHT CHILDREN. HIS FATHER, ENCIK MOHAMED LAZIM MUDA, IS A POLICEMAN IN KUANTAN.

MOHAMED RANI WILL LEAVE TONIGHT AND RETURN ON SEPT. 7. HE WILL ALSO VISIT LONDON AND TOKYO. -- BERNAMA HM 1723