

PENANG, JUNE 28 (BERNAMA) — EDUCATION MINISTER ⁷⁰ DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED URGED PARENTS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TODAY TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN FOR TRAINING. P

HE ALSO URGED THEM TO BE PREPARED FOR TEMPORARY SEPARATION FROM THEIR CHILDREN WHILE THEY WERE IN SCHOOLS FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FEDERAL SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF HERE, HE ADVISED PARENTS NOT TO BE SHY IN INFORMING THE AUTHORITIES OF THEIR CHILDREN'S HANDICAP.

THE MINISTER ADVISED TEACHERS OF THE SCHOOL TO EXERCISE PATIENCE AND NOT TO BE EASILY DISHEARTENED WHEN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES.

APART FROM TEACHING, THESE TEACHERS WERE ALSO GUARDIANS, FRIENDS, ADVISERS AND MEDIATORS FOR THE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, HE ADDED.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE SCHOOL WOULD TAKE IN ANOTHER 50 DEAF CHILDREN NEXT YEAR. AT PRESENT THERE WERE 372 STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL.

EARLIER, THE SCHOOL BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, ENCIK KOH SIN HOCK SAID THE SCHOOL PLANNED TO BUILD TWO UNITS OF QUARTERS FOR ITS STAFF. — BERNAMA 1455/YF