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SHAH ALAM, JULY 3 (BERNAMA) — A BILL ALONG THE LINES OF THE UNIVERSITY ACT HAS BEEN DRAFTED FOR THE MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER SUCH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING. EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY THE BILL WOULD GIVE A +CLEAR-CUT INSTRUMENT OF POWER+ TO THE MIT AUTHORITIES.

HE TOLD REPORTERS HERE THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MIT'S GOVERNING BOARD AND HIS MINISTRY HAD NOT BEEN VERY CLEAR SINCE THE MINISTRY TOOK OVER THE INSTITUTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

REFERRING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN COLLEGE, HE SAID THE COLLEGE HAD ALWAYS BEEN UNDER HIS MINISTRY.

EARLIER, HE LAUNCHED THE MIT ORIENTATION WEEK FOR 2,763 NEW STUDENTS. — BERNAMA MORE 1322/ZCM

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HE ADVISED THE STUDENTS NOT TO BE INFLUENCED BY THOSE WHO MADE USE OF ISLAM FOR THEIR OWN ENDS.

THEY SHOULD STUDY HARD AND OBTAIN GOOD RESULTS AND NOT GO AROUND +SHOWING OFF+ THAT THEY WERE STUDENTS OF THE INSTITUTE, HE SAID.

THE \$30 MILLION THAT THE GOVERNMENT SPENT ANNUALLY ON THE MIT WOULD BE A WASTE IF THE STUDENTS DID NOT DO WELL, HE ADDED. 265

HE REGRETTED THAT ONLY 14 OF THE 60 MIT ENGINEERING STUDENTS WHO SAT FOR THEIR EXAMINATIONS LAST YEAR PASSED.

EARLIER, MIT DIRECTOR-GENERAL ENCIK TAHIR MAJID SAID THE INSTITUTE WOULD START A COURSE LEADING TO BACHELOR OF ECONOMIC EDUCATION SOON.

THE INSTITUTE NOW HELD COURSES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES IN BUSINESS STUDIES AND MASTER'S DEGREES IN ENTREPRENEURIAL SCIENCE WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF OHIO AND KENTUCKY. — BERNAMA 1324/ZCM