

KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 26 (BERNAMA)— STUDENTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH A WIDER AND MORE DIFFERENTIATED BASIS OF KNOWLEDGE AND NOT BE TAUGHT FOR THE SAKE OF PASSING EXAMINATIONS ONLY, MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE DEBATING SESSION BETWEEN FULLY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AND SCIENCE SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER CUP AT THE DEWAN BAHASA DAN PUSTAKA, HE SAID STUDENTS SHOULD BE TRAINED TO THINK RATIONALLY.

ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DEBATING SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO HELP THEM THINK LOGICALLY AND ANALYSE PROBLEMS WITH SPEED AND DEPTH.

HE CALLED ON ALL FULLY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN ACADEMIC AS WELL AS NON-ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES LAID OUT BY THE MINISTRY AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS.

A TOTAL OF 18 SCHOOLS ARE TAKING PART IN THE DEBATING SESSION.

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