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PENANG, JULY 26 (BERNAMA)— EDUCATION MINISTER ^P DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SUGGESTS THAT CHILDREN BE ALLOWED TO TAKE UP MUSIC BESIDES ACADEMIC SUBJECTS.

HE SAYS THIS WILL ENABLE THEM TO APPRECIATE ALL KINDS OF MUSIC, INCLUDING THAT OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

IN HIS MESSAGE IN A SOUVENIR BOOKLET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TWO-DAY +SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL 1975+ BEGINNING TODAY, HE SAYS HIS MINISTRY WAS ENCOURAGING PUPILS IN THIS FIELD AS MUSIC WAS AN IMPORTANT BRANCH OF CULTURE.

PENANG EDUCATION DIRECTOR ENCIK TAN BOON LIN, AS THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, SAID 550 PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE TAKING PART. —BERNAMA 1710/MD