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P KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 4 (BERNAM) — EDUCATION MINISTER (DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED) SAID TODAY THE MAIN EMPHASIS IN EDUCATION UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN WOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT CURRICULAR CHANGES NECESSARY FOR DEVELOPMENT WERE IMPLEMENTED FULLY.

IN ADDITION, EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TOWARDS MAINTAINING PRESENT ACADEMIC STANDARDS, HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS HERE.

IN LINE WITH THIS, SUBJECTS SUCH AS CIVICS, RELIGION, MORAL EDUCATION AND OTHER IMPORTANT CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WOULD BE CARRIED OUT MORE EFFECTIVELY.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS WAS TO ENSURE THAT ALL SCHOOL LEVERS WERE NOT ONLY EQUIPPED WITH KNOWLEDGE BUT WERE ALSO HIGHLY DISCIPLINED AND MORAL.

A DEVELOPING COUNTRY REQUIRED TRAINED AND EDUCATED MANPOWER NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF QUANTITY BUT ALSO QUALITY, HE ADDED.
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CALLING ON SCHOOL INSPECTORS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO TEACHERS, DR. MAHATHIR SAID SCHOOL INSPECTORS SHOULD HAVE PERSONALITY AND THE ABILITY TO FOSTER GOOD HUMAN RELATIONS AND APPROACH IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES.

THEY SHOULD ALSO HELP TO FIND THE SOURCE OF PROBLEMS FACED BY TEACHERS BEFORE DISCUSSING WAYS TO SOLVE THEM.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO EXPRESS REGRET OVER THE LACK OF DISCIPLINE AMONG STUDENTS.

TRUANCY, LAW-BREAKING, VANDALISM AND DRUG-TAKING AMONG STUDENTS HAD BECOME +HOT+ TOPICS AMONG THE PUBLIC, HE SAID.

THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, ENCIK AHMAD HAJI SALEH, CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL INSPECTORS TO COMMENSURATE WITH THE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS. —BERNAMA MORE 1419/BY 67

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THERE WERE NOW ONLY 60 SCHOOL INSPECTORS COMPARED WITH MORE THAN 69,300 TEACHERS IN 5,141 SCHOOLS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.

HE ALSO HOPED THAT ADEQUATE ALLOCATION WOULD BE MADE TO ENABLE THE INSPECTORS CARRY OUT THEIR TASKS.

THE FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE WITH THE THEME +QUALITY EXAMINATION AND SUPERVISION+ IS ATTENDED BY 60 INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA. —BERNAMA 1422/BY