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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 12⁷⁵ (BERNAMA)— A NEW CURRICULUM FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO SCHOOLS IN TWO OR THREE YEARS.

THE CURRICULUM HAS BEEN UPDATED AND ADAPTED IN LINE WITH NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, THE EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCIENCE EXHIBITION AT THE ALAM SHAH SCHOOL HERE TODAY.

THE METHODS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING WOULD ALSO BE CHANGED FROM MERE GIVING AND RECEIVING TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN A PRACTICAL AND SCIENTIFIC WAY.

SCIENCE TEACHERS AND LABORATORY ASSISTANTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO ENABLE THEM TO LEARN NEW METHODS OF MANAGING LABORATORIES. —BERNAMA MORE 2032/MD

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID A SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN SET UP AS A RESULT OF A SEMINAR HELD LAST YEAR.

THE ASSOCIATION WHICH HAD BRANCHES AT STATE AND DISTRICT LEVELS WAS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING TEACHERS TO ADOPT A PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE IN TEACHING SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS.

HE URGED MORE GIRL STUDENTS TO TAKE UP SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TO HELP OVERCOME THE SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS IN THESE FIELDS.

EARLIER, THE CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SHELL, ENCIK R.W. SMITH, SAID SINCE 1970 THE COMPANY HAD GIVEN OUT 27 BURSARIES INCLUDING 17 TO BUMIPUTRA STUDENTS. 10 OF THEM WERE NOW EMPLOYED BY THE COMPANY.

THE COMPANY ALSO GAVE OUT BURSARIES TO 50 STUDENTS IN FORMS FIVE AND SIX IN THE MALAY MEDIUM TO STUDY IN LOCAL UNIVERSITIES. IT ALSO PROVIDED IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO 60 STUDENTS AND LECTURERS. —BERNAMA 2036/MD