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P KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 30 (BERNAMA) -- THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, TODAY ANNOUNCED THE STANDARDISED GUIDES FOR SPELLING AND TERMINOLOGICAL CONSTRUCTION OF BAHASA MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA TO BE ENFORCED TOMORROW - THE NATIONAL DAY.

IN HIS ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AT THE DEWAN BAHASA DAN PUSTAKA HERE, DR. MAHATHIR EXPRESSED HOPES THAT THE GUIDES, COMPILED INTO BOOKLETS, WOULD SERVE TO HASTEN DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE AS A LANGUAGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE GUIDES DID NOT INTRODUCE A NEW SPELLING SYSTEM BUT IMPROVED AND UPDATED THE 1972 BAHASA MALAYSIA SYSTEM AND BROUGHT BAHASA MALAYSIA IN LINE WITH AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA RECENTLY, HE ADDED.

DEVELOPMENT OF BAHASA MALAYSIA WOULD HENCEFORTH BE COORDINATED WITH AND COMPLEMENT THAT OF BAHASA INDONESIA, THE MINISTER STRESSED.

IT WOULD PROVIDE FOR SIMILAR BASES OF TERMINOLOGICAL ENGINEERING IN BOTH NATIONS WHICH WOULD IN TURN PROMOTE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA. -- BERNAMA MORE 1540/ZCM

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PERTAINING TO DIFFERENCES THAT MIGHT OCCUR BETWEEN THE PRESENT SPELLING SYSTEM AND THE NEW AS REQUIRED BY THE GUIDES, HE SAID THE NEW SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY ALL USERS AND AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT.

CHAIRMAN OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF BAHASA MALAYSIA, HAJI SUJAK RAHIMAN, WHO IS ALSO DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE DEWAN BAHASA DAN PUSTAKA, SAID THE MALAYSIA-INDONESIA LANGUAGE COUNCIL HAD MET SIX TIMES SINCE 1972 TO DELIBERATE OVER COMMON PROBLEMS AND DECIDE ON THE STANDARDISATION OF BOTH LANGUAGES.

THE GUIDES, HE SAID, WERE RESULTS OF DECISIONS REACHED DURING THE LAST MEETING.

THE NEXT MEETING, TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, WOULD DEAL WITH THE STANDARDISATION OF TERMINOLOGIES FOR SPECIFIC SUBJECTS SUCH AS MATHEMATICS, CHEMISTRY, GEOGRAPHY AND OTHERS.

HE ADDED THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE GUIDES WAS MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY HERE AND IN JAKARTA.

THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA, GENERAL TAN SRI MOHAMED HASSAN, WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY TODAY. -- BERNAMA 1543/ZCM