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NEED FOR MORE PROFESSIONALS

KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 2<sup>7r</sup> (BERNAMA ES) - MALAYSIA NEEDS MORE EFFICIENT PROFESSIONALS IN VIEW OF THE EXPECTED EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES IN THE COUNTRY IN THE NEXT 15 YEARS.

IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR WOULD EXPAND FROM 18 TO 35 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL ECONOMY FROM 1975 TO 1990, THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON +ASPECTS OF COST AND ACCOUNTANCY MANAGEMENT IN INDUSTRY+ AT THE MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AT SHAH ALAM NEAR HERE, HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS SATISFIED WITH THE MIT'S PROGRESS IN PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL AND SEMI-PROFESSIONAL COURSES SO FAR.

HE ALSO URGED THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO GIVE PROPER ATTENTION AND REGARD TO THE INSTITUTE'S GRADUATES.

+THE RECRUITMENT OF ITM GRADUATES BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD NOT ONLY HELP FULFIL THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC POLICY BUT ALSO PROVIDE AN ASSET TO THE FIRMS IN VIEW OF THEIR CAPABILITIES,+ HE SAID.

DR. MAHATHIR URGED BUMIPUTRA STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO GIVE THEIR FULL ATTENTION TO SUBJECTS SUCH AS ACCOUNTANCY, COMMERCE AND OTHER BUSINESS SUBJECTS.

HE HOPED THE ITM WOULD DOUBLE ITS EFFORTS SO THAT IT COULD PRODUCE MORE ACCOUNTANTS.

HE WAS ALSO GLAD AT THE ITM'S SUCCESS IN UPGRADING SEVERAL OF ITS COURSES FROM DIPLOMA TO DEGREE LEVEL. - BERNAMA ES 1328/BW