

KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 2 (BERNAMA)-EDUCATION MINISTER ⁷⁵ DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED URGED THE PRIVATE SECTOR TODAY TO GIVE DUE RECOGNITION AND CONSIDERATION TO MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT) GRADUATES, ESPECIALLY IN ACCOUNTANCY.

HE SAID EMPLOYING SUCH GRADUATES WOULD NOT ONLY HELP FULFILL THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY BUT WOULD ALSO BENEFIT THE FIRMS THEMSELVES.

HE SAID THE INSTITUTE OF COSTS AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING (I.C.M.A.) COURSE WAS AMONG THE HIGHLY-SPECIALISED COURSES IN ACCOUNTANCY OFFERED BY THE MIT.

OTHER THAN FOCUSSED ON FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING THE I.C.M.A. COURSE ALSO EMPHASISED ON COSTING AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING.

THE LAST TWO ASPECTS WERE VERY IMPORTANT IN DECISION-MAKING IN THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF A COMPANY OR FIRM.

GRADUATES OF SUCH COURSES WERE ASSETS TO THE FIRM WHICH EMPLOYED THEM DUE TO THEIR VERY USEFUL SKILL, HE STRESSED AT THE OPENING OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON "ASPECTS OF COST AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING IN INDUSTRIES" AT THE MIT HERE.

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DR. MAHATHIR HOPED THE MIT WOULD INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO PRODUCE MORE ACCOUNTANTS.

HOWEVER IT SHOULD FIRST OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF SHORTAGE OF EXPERIENCED LECTURERS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE HAD MANY VACANCIES IN THE ACCOUNTS SECTION DUE TO LACK OF QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANTS.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR TOO WOULD BE NEEDING MORE PROFESSIONALS WITH COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SKILLS.

THE MINISTER WAS ALSO HAPPY THAT THE MIT HAD UPGRADED SOME OF ITS COURSES TO DEGREE LEVEL LIKE THE B.B.A. AND THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING COURSES.

HE PRAISED THE MIT FOR MAKING ISLAMIC EDUCATION A COMPULSORY SUBJECT. -- BERNAMA HM 1327