

Visual aids: Varsities told to start first

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EDUCATION Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad today called on universities in the country to take the lead in promoting greater use of audio-visual aids in teaching and education.

Besides being a centre of learning, universities are also provided with facilities which enable them to carry out in-depth research into the possibilities and potentialities of audio-visual aids in education, he said.

Open-minded

Speaking at the opening of the seminar and exhibition on audio-visual equipment at the Universiti Kebangsaan Auditorium here, Dr. Mahathir said the use of these modern aids in our education is very backward.

"There is no way we can prepare our students to be high-

calibre, leaders in the future if we still keep to our obsolete education methods," he said.

The Education Minister added that in order to implement the new education technology, students and members of the public must be open-minded and be prepared to accept new ideas to replace the old.

"Prejudices and ignorance must be put aside," Dr. Mahathir said.

He also assured that his Ministry is ready to give its support in the use of audio-visual aids in the field of education in the country.

As it is the Education Ministry already has two new divisions, that is, the Education Media Services and the Curriculum Development Centre to facilitate the use of audio-visual aids.

Dr. Mahathir said he was happy to see the co-operation and co-

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ordination existing between the university and the Education Media Services and Curriculum Development Centre.

"The unity between these various sources helps to reduce expenses and also duplication of work," he added.

Opportunities

Dr. Mahathir urged teachers and professors in the universities to be ready to accept new changes in the field of education and the opportunities offered by the new education media.



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