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(P) KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 15 (BERNAMA) -- EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED HAS URGED UNIVERSITIES IN THE COUNTRY TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY AND POTENTIALS OF USING AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS IN EDUCATION.

HE SAID MALAYSIA WAS STILL LAGGING BEHIND IN THE USE OF MODERN AIDS IN EDUCATION AND BIG CHANGES WERE NEEDED TO MAKE IT MORE EFFECTIVE AND BENEFICIAL.

OPENING A SEMINAR AND AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS EXHIBITION AT THE UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN HERE TODAY HE SAID MOST OF THE METHODS OF TEACHING IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES WERE STILL TRADITIONAL.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THOUGH THE USE OF COMMUNICATION MEDIA AND EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY WAS STILL NEW IN MALAYSIA, THE COUNTRY HAD ENOUGH RESOURCES TO EXPLOIT IT.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE MUST BE OPEN-MINDED AND BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT NEW IDEAS AND CHANGE OLD METHODS SO AS TO MAKE THE EDUCATION SYSTEM MOVE EFFECTIVE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1143/SZ

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THE MINISTER PRAISED THE UNIVERSITY FOR ITS INITIATIVE IN ORGANISING THE TWO-DAY EXHIBITION.

HE SAID SUCH EFFORTS WERE IN LINE WITH THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES AS ORGANISERS AND PIONEERS OF EDUCATION MODERNISATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

EARLIER, THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, DR. ANUWAR MAHMUD, SAID THE UNIVERSITY PLANNED TO USE CLOSE-CIRCUIT TV TECHNIQUES IN ITS EDUCATION SYSTEM TO BRING MORE BENEFITS TO THE STUDENTS. -- BERNAMA 1145/SZ