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IPOH, DEC. 8 (BERNAMA) -- TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN URGED TO PLAY A MORE EFFECTIVE ROLE IN ENHANCING THEIR STATUS AND INFLUENCE IN SOCIETY.

THEY COULD DO THIS AS THEY HAD THE NECESSARY MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES. EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, SAID AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND DELEGATES CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHING PROFESSION HERE TODAY.

HE ADVISED THEM TO MAKE EFFORTS FOR THEIR MEMBERS' BETTERMENT AND FOR IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS COULD ALSO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN INFLUENCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL POLICIES, CURRICULUM CHANGES AND EDUCATIONAL REFORMS.

HOWEVER, SUCH EFFECTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPENDED ON GOOD LEADERSHIP.--BERNAMA MORE BY 1252

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE MINISTRY SUPPORTED ANY MOVE BY THE 14 TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS IN THE COUNTRY TO MERGE INTO A SINGLE, POWERFUL AND INFLUENTIAL ORGANIZATION.

ON THE ALLOCATION FOR EDUCATION, HE SAID IT REPRESENTED THE BIGGEST SINGLE SLICE OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET EVERY YEAR. THE ALLOCATION FOR NEXT YEAR WAS \$1,461.9 MILLION.

ON THE USE OF THE CANE, THE MINISTER SAID TEACHERS NEED NOT RESORT TO ITS USE IF DISCIPLINE COULD BE MAINTAINED THROUGH OTHER WAYS.--BERNAMA MORE BY 1254

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THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE UNION, TUAN HAJI AHMAD BIN ABDUL RAHMAN, SAID THE UNION WAS FORMED NOT ONLY TO FIGHT FOR HIGHER SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR TEACHERS BUT ALSO TO IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES OF SCHOOLS.

THE TEACHING PROFESSION NEEDED FULL RECOGNITION LIKE OTHER PROFESSIONS.

BY ITSELF, THE UNION COULD NOT ACHIEVE MUCH.

IT NEEDED THE HELP AND CO-OPERATION FROM MTUC AND CUEPACS TO CARRY OUT ITS AIMS AND ASPIRATIONS.

HE PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$5,000 TO THE MINISTER FOR THE NATIONAL MONUMENT RESTORATION FUND. THE MONEY CAME FROM DONATIONS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE UNION.

THE PRESIDENT OF MTUC, DR. P.P. NARAYANAN SAID THAT THE PROPOSED \$6.9 MILLION, 224'34" 8, 585753 9% 53:8,9)9\$6 B, SELANGOR SPONSORED BY THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION WAS NOW TAKING