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ALOR STAR, DEC. 13 (BERNAMA)—EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY THAT ONLY TEMPORARY TEACHERS WITH THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY TO ATTEND TEACHER TRAINING COURSES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

PRIORITY WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN BASED ON THE TEACHING EXPERIENCE OF THE TEACHERS, HE ADDED WHEN OPENING THE DELEGATES MEETING OF THE KEDAH MALAY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HERE.

HE SAID THESE TEACHERS SHOULD HAVE PASSED THE SPM/MCE/SC EXAMINATION AND OBTAINED CREDITS IN AT LEAST TWO SUBJECTS INCLUDING BAHASA MALAYSIA II.

TEACHERS WHO HAD ONLY A PASS IN BAHASA MALAYSIA II WOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED PROVIDED THAT THOSE SELECTED OBTAIN A CREDIT IN THE SUBJECT BEFORE COMPLETING THEIR TRAINING.

HE SAID THAT TEMPORARY TEACHERS WITHOUT THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS WOULD BE GIVEN THREE YEARS TO OBTAIN THEM BEFORE THEY COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR TRAINING.

DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT IF THESE TEACHERS FAILED TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS THEIR SERVICES WOULD BE TERMINATED. —BERNAMA MORE HM 2150

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ON THE RECRUITMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS NEXT YEAR, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE PRESENTLY SERVING AND WHO POSSES AT LEAST TWO YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO FEBRUARY THIS YEAR AND HAVE NOT BEEN OFFERED TRAINING. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT THIS DEPENDED ON THE VACANCIES THAT EXISTED.

THE EDUCATION MINISTRY COULD NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCE OF TRAINING FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS WHO BEGAN SERVING THIS YEAR EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO WOULD BE RE-RECRUITED NEXT YEAR.

HOWEVER, THEY COULD APPLY FOR TRAINING.

ON THE APPOINTMENT OF HEADMASTERS, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT ONLY ONE OUT OF 10 TEACHERS COULD BE APPOINTED TO THESE POSTS.

THIS WAS BECAUSE IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA THERE WERE 4,323 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH 49,028 TEACHERS.

OF THE TOTAL, 2,329 WERE NATIONAL SCHOOLS WITH 23,046 TEACHERS. 295

DR. MAHATHIR THEN PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$2,000 TO PUAN SOFIAH BINTI SHAFIEE, WIDOW OF TEACHER MAT ISA BIN YUNUS. THE DONATION WAS FROM THE ASSOCIATION. — BERNAMA HM 2155