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(EMBARGO: FOR AUTOMATIC RELEASE AFTER 6.30 P.M. TODAY)

KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 10 (BERNAMA) -- EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT MALAYSIAN LITERATURE MUST BE FOOD FOR THE SOUL AND INTELLECT OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

HE SAID THAT AS BAHASA MALAYSIA WOULD BE USED THROUGHOUT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AFTER 1980, LITERATURE MUST BE ABLE TO SATISFY THE NEEDS OF ALL SCHOOL PUPILS WHO HAD SO FAR BEEN FAMILIAR WITH FOREIGN LITERATURE, ESPECIALLY ENGLISH LITERATURE.

+IT IS WITH THIS AWARENESS THAT MY MINISTRY IS REVIEWING THE SYSTEM OF TEACHING LITERATURE IN SCHOOLS, + HE SAID WHEN OFFICIATING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE +DEWAN SASTERA+ MAGAZINE AT DEWAN BAHASA DAN PUSTAKA HERE.

HE HOPED THAT LITERATURE WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS ATTENTION IN SCHOOLS TO INSTIL IN PEOPLE LOVE FOR LITERATURE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1803/ZCM

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN TODAY'S MATERIALISTIC WORLD, LITERATURE WAS INVALUABLE FOR DEVELOPING AND REFINING THE SOUL.

IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO NEGLECT LITERATURE EVEN THOUGH THE NATION FOCUSSED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND LITERATURE SHOULD OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE AND BENEFIT MANKIND.

DR. MAHATHIR URGED WRITERS TO IMPROVE THE CREATIVITY AND QUALITY OF THEIR WRITTINGS.

HE ALSO PRAISED DEWAN BAHASA FOR PUBLISHING +DEWAN SASTERA+ AND ASKED WRITERS, INTELLECTUALS AND OTHERS TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAGAZINE. -- BERNAMA 1808/ZCM