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MALACCA, MAY 6 (BERNAMA) -- TEACHERS HAVE BEEN URGED TO GIVE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN THEIR SCHOOLS AS IT ENCOURAGES NATIONAL UNITY AND STABILITY.

IN MAKING THE CALL, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, SAID IT ALSO ENCOURAGED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

HE SAID COOPERATIVE HAD BEEN ACCEPTED AS A CIVICS SUBJECT FOR STUDENTS AND THE EDUCATION MINISTRY ALSO ENCOURAGED THE SETTING UP OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN SCHOOLS TO ENABLE THE STUDENTS TO GAIN PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.

LAUNCHING THE MALACCA MALAY TEACHERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS HERE TODAY, HE URGED TEACHERS TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT AMONG THE STUDENTS. --
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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE NATIONAL SCHOOL COOPERATIVE WHICH WAS LAUNCHED RECENTLY HAD STARTED SUPPLYING SCHOOLS WITH ESSENTIAL GOODS.

IT WOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUPPLYING ESSENTIAL GOODS TO SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS AT CHEAPER PRICES.

HE HOPED THE COOPERATIVE WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPLY SCHOOL UNIFORMS CHEAPLY ESPECIALLY TO THE POOR STUDENTS.

THE MALACCA MALAY TEACHERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY IS THE SECOND BIGGEST SUCH COOPERATIVE IN THE COUNTRY AFTER THE KEDAH MALAY TEACHERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY.

IT BEGAN 50 YEARS AGO WITH ONLY 30 MEMBERS. IT NOW HAD MORE THAN 1,600 MEMBERS WITH A CAPITAL CLOSE TO \$3 MILLION.

MALACCA CHIEF MINISTER, HAJI ABDUL GHANI ALI, HOPED THE SOCIETY WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY ITS ROLE ALONGSIDE THE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN HELPING TO ELEVATE THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE RUMIPUTRAS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1731/LK

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EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, DATUK ABDUL AZIZ HUSSEIN, SAID THE DEPARTMENT HOPED THAT THE 800 SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN MALAYSIA WOULD BE ABLE TO SET UP COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES DURING THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN.

SO FAR ONLY 126 SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAD SET UP COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

THIS EVENING, DR. MAHATHIR ATTENDED A CLOSED-DOOR DIALOGUE WITH UMNO MEMBERS AT SERI PERINGGIT HERE.

TONIGHT, HE WILL ALSO ATTEND A SIMILAR FUNCTION WITH BARISAN NASIONAL MEMBERS. - BERNAMA 1827/BW