

Two panels to study weak points at MIT

MEMBERS DRAWN FROM OUTSIDE INSTITUTE TO ENSURE FAIRNESS

KUALA LUMPUR, Friday. DEPUTY Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed announced today the framework and functions of two inquiry committees established to look into the administrative, financial, accounts and academic set-ups of the Mara Institute of Technology.

Dr. Mahathir had earlier chaired a closed-door meeting to finalise the structures and duties of the ad-hoc committees at the Prime Minister's operations room

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The first committee which will study and review the administrative, financial and accounting systems at the MIT is headed by Encik Hanafiah Hussein, an ex-MP with deep knowledge of finance and accounting.

To be known as the administration, finance and accounts committee, it will also identify the weaknesses of the systems and recommend solutions to overcome them.

Puan Fadzilah Annurpral is the secretary to the committee. Other members of the committee are Raja Abdul Aziz Raja Salim from the Accountant General's Office, Encik Ahmad Sallehuddin bin Ahmad Jalaluddin from the Public Services Department and Dr. Agus Salim from Bank Pertanian.

The academic inquiry

committee is headed by Prof. Awang Had Salleh who is also the deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Malaya.

An Education Ministry official, Syed Abdullah Yahya is secretary to the committee. The other members are Dr. Arifin Suhaimi of Universiti Pertanian Malaysia, Haji Hassan Ahmad of Dewan Bahasa, Encik Mahfoz Khalid of JKR and Dr. Nor Ramli of Universiti Kebangsaan.

Review

This committee will review the implementation of the MIT's programmes and will determine their successes and achievements according to the national objectives.

It will also suggest recommendations for improvement of the academic programmes being implemented.

Dr. Mahathir said members of both committees were appointed

by the Government and they were selected according to their individual merits. Reports of the committees would be presented to the Cabinet.

Dr. Mahathir added that no officials from the MIT academic and administrative sections were taken into the committees because the Government "wants individuals who are independent and have no personal interests in the institute."

"We hope, therefore, that the committees would bring about recommendations which would be free from influence by any interested groups," he added.

Dr. Mahathir hoped the committees would complete their findings in time for the implementation of the Third Malaysia Plan as this would help the Government determine its budget allocation for the institute under the Third Plan.