

'10,000 teachers a year' target

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — Malaysia will be producing about 10,000 trained teachers a year, including those in the temporary category, by 1979 — almost four times the present output, Education Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed said today.

This would be made possible with the building of four more teachers training colleges, and bigger intakes of trainee teachers.

Dr. Mahathir said, the four new colleges in Kuantan were among the major projects to be implemented under the Third Malaysia Plan for which the Ministry had been allocated \$1.4 billion.

The allocation

"This is the single biggest allocation for any Ministry although it is only half of what the Ministry had asked for," he said.

"This means that nearly half the planned projects will not be implemented during the period."

The allocation was \$500 million more than that for the Second Malaysia Plan.

Dr. Mahathir was speaking to reporters after receiving a cheque for \$5,000 for the National Monument Restoration Fund from Lake Club. The cheque was handed over to him by the president of the club, Tan Sri Nik Ahmad Kamil.