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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 2 (BERNAMA) -- A COLLEGE TO TRAIN RELIGIOUS TEACHERS WILL BE OPENED NEXT YEAR, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE EDUCATION MINISTRY WOULD TRAIN MORE RELIGIOUS TEACHERS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE EDUCATION MINISTER, WAS OPENING THE DELEGATES MEETING OF THE WEST MALAYSIA PRIMARY SCHOOL RELIGIOUS TEACHERS UNION HERE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT PLACED IMPORTANCE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND HOPED RELIGIOUS TEACHERS WOULD DO LIKEWISE.

HE ALSO HOPED THAT STUDENTS WOULD BE EXPOSED TO ISLAMIC PURITY TO ENABLE THEM TO UNDERSTAND THE RELIGION BETTER. --
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STEPS SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT MUSLIM CHILDREN FROM FALLING PREY TO FALSE TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES, DR. MAHATHIR SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THIS COULD HAMPER THE PROGRESS OF THEIR STUDIES.

DR. MAHATHIR URGED THE UNION TO PROVIDE CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT AT A TIME THE NATION WAS FACING THE COMMUNIST THREAT.

IN A MESSAGE IN THE SOUVENIR BOOK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SECONDARY RELIGIOUS TEACHERS UNION IN IPOH TOMORROW, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE NATION HAD TRUST IN RELIGIOUS TEACHERS TO PROVIDE DEDICATED SERVICE.

HE SAID THE FATE OF THE NATION DEPENDED TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION PROVIDED TO STUDENTS. -- BERNAMA