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IPOH, AUG. 3 (BERNAMA) -- THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH IN SCHOOLS WILL BE STEPPED UP DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE LANGUAGE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE SECOND LANGUAGE AS IT COULD HELP SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF EDUCATION AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO EDUCATION MINISTER, WAS OPENING THE GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE WEST MALAYSIA MALAY TEACHERS UNION AND ITS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY HERE.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID TO BE PROFICIENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ONE'S CONVICTION IN NATIONALISM. IT WAS JUST LIKE MASTERING ANY OTHER SUBJECT.

HE SAID EFFORTS WERE ALSO BEING MADE TO USE BAHASA MALAYSIA MORE WIDELY AS THE MAIN MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER STUDIES DURING THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN PERIOD. -- BERNAMA MORE 1227/A1

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IN ITS EFFORTS TOWARDS INTEGRATION AND NATIONAL UNITY, THE EDUCATION MINISTRY WOULD CONTINUE TO CLOSE THE EDUCATION GAP BETWEEN THE HAVES AND THE HAVES-NOT.

THE MINISTRY WOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WERE FAIRLY DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES AND DISTRICTS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE SWITCH IN THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION FROM ENGLISH TO BAHASA MALAYSIA UP TO THE HSC/STP LEVEL WOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1982.

IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, ALL FIRST YEAR COURSES IN LOCAL UNIVERSITIES WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN BAHASA MALAYSIA, HE ADDED.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID ALL THE 1,071 GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN HAD OBTAINED JOBS EITHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OR THE PRIVATE SECTOR. -- BERNAMA MORE 1230/A1

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO MORAL EDUCATION BOTH IN SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.

ON TRADE UNIONS, HE SAID UNION LEADERS SHOULD NOT ONLY CARE FOR THE INTERESTS OF THEIR MEMBERS BUT ALSO THINK OF THE NATION'S INTERESTS.

HE PRAISED THE WEST MALAYSIA MALAY TEACHERS UNION FOR ITS RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS SOCIETY.

AT THE CEREMONY, DR. MAHATHIR PRESENTED SCROLLS OF B.A. DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITAS NASIONAL INDONESIA TO 25 TEACHERS.

ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE DEGREE, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO STUDY THE MATTER CAREFULLY. -- BERNAMA 1232/A1

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DR. MAHATHIR ALSO PRESENTED THE WEST MALAYSIA MALAY TEACHERS' UNION SERVICE AWARDS -- PINGAT JASABAKTI -- TO SEVERAL PERSONS FOR THEIR SERVICES TO THE UNION, COMMUNITY AND THE NATION.

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD SARIFUDDIN RECEIVED THE MEDAL AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY TO HIS FATHER HAJI KASIM BIN HARUN WHO WAS THE UNION'S PRESIDENT BEFORE HIS DEATH.

THE OTHER RECIPIENTS WERE PENANG STATE ASSEMBLYMAN FOR BAGAN AJAM, HAJI IBRAHIM BIN ABDUL RAZAK, 59; ENCIK TALIB BIN MOHAMED SUDI, 55, WHO WAS THE UNION'S TREASURER FOR EIGHT YEARS.

A HEADMASTER IN ALOR STAR HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN BIN HAJI OTHMAN, 53 AND THE UNION'S FORMER PRESIDENT ENCIK ABDUL RAHMAN BIN MOHAMED AKIB, 55.-BERNAMA 1510/MM