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KUALA PILAH, AUG. 14 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED TODAY URGED PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO SEEK WAYS TO HELP DEVELOP THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION THROUGH PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS AND SCHOOL BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT.

HE SAID THAT PTA'S AND SCHOOL BOARDS MUST BE CAREFUL IN THEIR ACTIONS AND ALL ACTIVITIES MUST BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUPILS.

OPENING THE SEKOLAH MENENGAH BATU KIKIR, SIX MILES FROM HERE, HE ADVISED PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACT THAT WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY

HE SAID THAT A \$30.3 MILLION ALLOCATION HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN NEGRI SEMBILAN UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO REMINDED PARENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL STUDIES.--BERNAMA MORE 1440/BY

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THE CHILDREN SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THESE SUBJECTS, HE ADDED.

EARLIER, MENTRI BESAR DATUK MANSOR OTHMAN SAID THAT THE STATE WOULD PROVIDE 26,000 JOB OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN.

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AT THE DATUK SEDIA RAJA SECONDARY SCHOOL SPEECH AND PRIZE-GIVING DAY IN REMBAU THIS AFTERNOON, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WAS TO UNITE THE PEOPLE, PRODUCE SKILLED MANPOWER IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND REDUCE THE DROPOUT RATE AMONG PUPILS.

HE SAID HIS MINISTRY WOULD ATTEMPT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND ALLOCATE FACILITIES MORE FAIRLY.

IN THIS CONNECTION, PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO SCHOOLS THAT WERE REALLY IN NEED OF FACILITIES, HE SAID.

REQUESTS FOR ALLOCATION FOR BUILDING SCHOOL HALLS WOULD NOT BE GIVEN PRIORITY AS MANY OTHER SCHOOLS WERE BADLY LACKING CLASSROOMS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS. HE ADDED.--BERNAMA 1442/BY