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SEREMBAN, AUG. 14 (BERNAMA) -- DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY THE TIME HAS COME FOR LOCAL HISTORIANS TO REVIEW LOCAL HISTORY AND QUESTION THE FACTS OF HISTORY WRITTEN BY WESTERNERS.

HE ADDED THAT MOST MATERIALS ON LOCAL HISTORY WERE WRITTEN BY WESTERNERS WHO VIEWED IT FROM THEIR POINT OF INTEREST.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WAS OPENING NEGERI SEMBILAN HISTORICAL WEEK ORGANISED BY THE STATE BRANCH OF THE MALAYSIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT THE KING GEORGE 5TH SCHOOL HERE.

ON CULTURE, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE PROUD OF THEIR NATIONAL CULTURE WHICH IS BASED ON MALAY CULTURE.

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT WESTERN INFLUENCE HAD MADE MANY MALAYSIANS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THEIR OWN CULTURE. HENCE, THEY IMITATED WESTERN CULTURE THAT WAS NOT SUITED TO THEM.

HE ADDED THAT THIS CAUSED VARIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS DRUG ABUSE AND OTHER UNDESIRABLE ACTIVITIES. -- BERNAMA 2206/YF