

IPOH, OCT. 1 (BERNAMA)--THE LOWER CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (LCE) EXAMINATION WILL BE INTRODUCED IN SARAWAK NEXT YEAR, BUT DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD, A PASS IN BAHASA MALAYSIA WILL NOT BE COMPULSORY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY.

AN ADAPTED SET OF REGULATIONS WOULD BE ISSUED TO CANDIDATES IN THE STATE, HE SAID AT A CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION AND CEREMONY TO RENAME THE DAY TRAINING COLLEGE HERE AS THE KINTA TEACHERS COLLEGE

DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO EDUCATION MINISTER, SAID THE LCE, WHICH REPLACED THE SARAWAK JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (JSC) WAS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE CO-ORDINATING OF EXAMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA AND SARAWAK IN LINE WITH THE THE EXTENSION OF THE EDUCATION AT 1961 TO THE STATE ON JAN. 1 THIS YEAR. --BERNAMA 1226/MD

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THIS MOVE WOULD BRING SARAWAK ANOTHER STEP CLOSER IN THE EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE ITS EDUCATION SYSTEM WITH THAT OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM.

DR MAHATHIR SAID THE NATIONAL EDUCATION YESTERDAY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN CREATING A PROGRESSIVE AND UNITED SOCIETY IN LINE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY AND THE RUKUN NEGARA.

HE SAID THE \$77.2 MILLION ALLOCATION FOR TEACHER TRAINING UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST.

THE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA WOULD PRODUCE 25,440 TEACHERS FROM 14 EXISTING COLLEGES DURING THE PLAN PERIOD.

FOUR MORE TEACHERS COLLEGES WERE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR. --BERNAMA 1234/MD

LATER, DR. MAHATHIR PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 115 TEACHERS WHO HAD COMPLETED TRAINING IN 1975.

HE ALSO RECEIVED A CHEQUE FOR \$500 FROM THE COLLEGE MUSIC CLUB PRESIDENT ENCIK CHEAH BOO ENG FOR THE NATIONAL MONUMENT RESTORATION FUND. 39

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF TEACHER TRAINING, ENCIK MOHAMED ALI BIN IBRAHIM, SAID THAT A TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE WOULD BE BUILT IN KAMPUNG DATO' AHMAD SAID HERE NEXT YEAR.

HE ALSO SAID THAT A FOUR-STORY BUILDING WOULD BE PUT UP AT THE KINTA TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE IN 1977. THE BUILDING WILL ALSO HAVE A LECTURE ROOM AND REST ROOM.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND GENERAL SCIENCE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE COLLEGE TO ADD TO THE PRESENT SUBJECTS OF BAHASA MALAYSIA, ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND GEOGRAPHY. --BERNAMA MORE 1328

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HE SAID THAT ALL TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY WERE OF THE SAME STANDARD.

MENTRI BESAR TAN SRI HAJI GHAZALI JAWI, STATE SECRETARY RADIN SOENARNO ALHAJ, STATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SYED ABU BAKAR BARAKBAH AND THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL PUAN ZABIDAH BINTI DATUK AWANG NGAH WERE PRESENT. --BERNAMA 1330/MD