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PENANG, DEC. 16 (BERNAMA)--DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE SYLLABUS FOR COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS IN SCHOOLS SHOULD BE REVIEWED TO ENABLE MORE BUMIPUTRAS TO RECEIVE COMMERCIAL EDUCATION.

HE SAID MANY MALAYS WHO SET UP BUSINESSES DID NOT POSSESS ANY EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD.

HE SAID THAT THE TEACHING OF COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS WAS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BUMIPUTRAS IN THAT FIELD.

DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO EDUCATION MINISTER, WAS OPENING THE CONVENTION FOR TEACHERS OF COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS AT THE FEDERAL TEACHERS COLLEGE HERE.

ABOUT 300 PARTICIPANTS FROM PENINSULAR MALAYSIA ARE ATTENDING THE THREE-DAY CONVENTION.

DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT MOST OF BUMIPUTRAS WISHING TO SET UP BUSINESSES CAME FROM THE FIXED SALARY GROUP WITH EXPERIENCES VERY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE WORLD OF COMMERCE.

AS SUCH THEY WOULD PROBABLY FAIL AND NOT ONLY WIDEN THE GAP BETWEEN THEM AND THE OTHER COMMUNITIES BUT ALSO FAIL TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY, HE SAID.--
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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE COMMERCIAL EDUCATION SYLLABUS SHOULD BE REVIEWED FROM TIME TO TIME TO SUIT THE TIMES.

THE PRESENTATION TECHNIQUE SHOULD ALSO BE SUITABLE, HE ADDED.

HE REMINDED COMMERCIAL TEACHERS THAT THEY MUST BE AWARE THAT COMMERCIAL EDUCATION SHOULD COVER ALL ASPECTS OF COMMERCE, ESPECIALLY MANAGEMENT ASPECTS.

STUDENTS SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THE ROLE OF MONEY OR INCOME IN RELATION TO BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

+COMMERCIAL EDUCATION DOES NOT ONLY INCORPORATE THE TEACHING OF ACCOUNTS, + HE SAID.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO STRESSED ON THE TEACHING OF THE VARIOUS FORMS OF INVESTMENT.

INVESTMENT OF CAPITAL COULD ACTIVATE THE ECONOMY AND PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND SUBSEQUENTLY INCREASE REVENUE, HE SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE 1403/LK

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ON SHARES, DR. MAHATHIR SAID AN AWARENESS OF THEM AS A FORM OF SAVINGS COULD HELP BUSINESS.

HE HOPED THAT COMMERCIAL TEACHERS WOULD DISCUSS THESE MATTERS SO THAT COMMERCIAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS WOULD NOT BE STEREO-TYPE AND INEFFECTIVE.

DR. MAHATHIR CONSIDERED THE CONVENTION AS IMPORTANT IN FULFILLING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY. -- BERNAMA 1404/LK